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## Kuwait to try five for sabotage plots

# Three arrested for explosions

## Kuwait protests against Iran

UNITED NATIONS, May 10, (Kuna): Kuwait's Ambassador to the UN, Mohammad Abulhassan, has protested to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar against Iran's "increasingly sharp allegations" against Kuwait which he said coincide with "off-record and on-record" threats to Kuwait's peace and security.

The protest was contained in a letter which Abulhassan delivered to the secretary-general.

These allegations, which the highest Kuwaiti officials have denied on many occasions, have "nothing to do with reality," Abulhassan said.

The latest example, he said, was the blatant threat in the Iranian letter addressed to the secretary-general last Friday.

"While rejecting all allegations and threats, Kuwait believes that the Security Council must shoulder its responsibilities regarding peace and security of member states exposed to such threats."

"My letter to the secretary-general came as a warning to this development which carries a clear danger."

## 2,000 cases of whisky seized

POLICE have arrested a gang trying to smuggle 2,000 cases of whisky with a street value of nearly \$2 million into Kuwait, according to a local newspaper.

Alcohol is banned in Kuwait where a bottle of whisky sells on the black market for as much as KD40 (\$145).

The smugglers were trying to bring in the whisky with the help of a customs official and several other people.

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KUWAIT police, have arrested three people — two Arabs and an Iranian — in connection with explosions at two downtown Kuwait commercial centres in the last two weeks, according to a local Arabic daily.

The two blasts wrecked the offices of a car hire firm and Saudia, the Saudi Arabian airlines.

## Interrogation

The two Arabs are nationals of a non-neighbouring Arab state, the paper said, indicating that they are not Gulf citizens.

The detainees are being interrogated on charges of planting explosives at the offices of Saudia, on April 27 and at Al

Dawliyah complex where the Avis rent-a-car office was targeted on May 7.

The Saudia office was bombed hours after Riyadh cut diplomatic ties with Tehran.

Avis, reportedly, pulled out of Kuwait a year ago.

The Avis office was attacked after the mid-April naval battle between Iraq and Iran in the Gulf and threats by Tehran.

## Trial

No one claimed responsibility for either of the blasts. But the blasts have been blamed by Kuwaiti newspapers on pro-Iranian elements. One newspaper, Al Anbaa, recently urged the government to withdraw Kuwaiti nationality from Shiite Muslims and deport them if they were determined to bear

allegiance to Iran.

Kuwait's state security court has announced it will try five people next month on charges of planning sabotage and assassination.

Four of them — all Kuwaitis — had been arrested and also charged with possessing explosives and weapons. The fifth, whose nationality has not been mentioned, is still at large.

All five were charged with planning to assassinate state security employees, manufacture explosives, bomb buildings and use force against prison officials.

The four Kuwaitis are: Ibrahim Abbas Jaafar Zainal and his brother Sulaiman, Hassan Ibrahim Mohammed Hussein and Mohammed Ibrahim Abbas Jaafar. The fifth person was identified as Ahmed Hassan Khamis.

## US threatens to kill PLO leaders: Arafat

BAGHDAD, May 10, (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation chief Yasser Arafat accused the United States today of threatening to kill PLO leaders and of alleging in a secret memorandum he personally approved a series of US targets in retaliation for the slaying of his military commander.

Arafat told reporters in Baghdad today he received the US memorandum through an unidentified Arab country.

"It has come to our attention that the PLO leader Arafat may have personally approved a series of terrorist attacks against American citizens and facilities abroad, possibly in retaliation for last month's assassination of Abu Jihad," the memorandum, copies of which were distributed in English and Arabic in Baghdad, said.

"Any possible targeting of American personnel and facilities in retaliation for the Abu Jihad assassination would be totally reprehensible and unjustified," the message said.

Arafat's military commander Khalil Al Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, or father of the struggle, was assassinated at his home in Tunis by unknown gunmen.

The PLO accused Israel of carrying out the killing because Wazir was directing the uprising on the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

While denying any such order, Arafat described the document as an "insolent threat" directed against the representative of the Palestinian people and their leadership.

Arafat said he ordered the PLO representative at the United

## Chirac resigns

PARIS, May 10, (UPI): French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, urging his lieutenants to prepare the "reconquest" of power, formally quit today following his crushing defeat by socialist Francois Mitterrand in Sunday's presidential elections, the Elysee Palace said.

The conservative Chirac, 55, presented his resignation letter to the 71-year-old Mitterrand at the presidential palace at around 3:20 pm (1320 GMT), Elysee officials said.

Chirac looked grim and made no declaration when he arrived for a 10-minute audience with the socialist head-of-state.

Political sources speculated that Mitterrand might quickly name a replacement for Chirac, probably socialist reformist Michel Rocard, 57, to try and form a centre-left coalition government.

Chirac in a farewell speech to his ministers at the prime minister's Hotel Matignon offices said: "The right thing in political life, after a defeat, is to prepare the reconquest."

Chirac's departure marked the end of 26 months of power sharing with Mitterrand under a deal known as "cohabitation."

## Horse on deputation

NEW DELHI, May 10, (Kuna): Have you ever heard of sending a horse on a deputation for an official purpose?

For the first time in India, a horse belonging to the Madhya Pradesh state police has been sent on a deputation to the Border Security Force, a press report said.

K.S. Rathore, Inspector General of BSF, who is posted in the Jodhpur district of Rajasthan, had requested the director general of Madhya Pradesh police, for the deputation of the lucky horse, Monal, for training for the Olympic Games in Seoul later this year.

Rathore, who is a famous horse rider, has competed in several international equestrian events.

India, which won three gold medals in equestrian events in Asian Games in 1982, will participate in the Seoul Olympics.

## Shultz visit

WASHINGTON, May 10, (Reuters): Secretary of State George Shultz, undaunted by the formidable obstacles to a Middle East settlement, has scheduled another visit to the region to promote a US peace initiative.

Shultz, who has travelled to the Middle East three times since February, will visit Israel, Jordan, Syria and Egypt from June 3. He will arrive after attending the US-Soviet summit in Moscow, which starts on May 29.



Policemen carry away the body of a person killed in the New Delhi explosion. (Reuters wirephoto)

## One 'foreigner' killed, 13 injured in bombing incident

## Blast rips US bank in Delhi

NEW DELHI, May 10, (Reuters): A powerful bomb exploded at an American bank in central New Delhi on Tuesday, killing at least one person and injuring 13, a senior policeman said.

Deputy police chief Ajay Kumar said the dead man appeared to be a foreigner but no positive identification had been made.

The bomb went off in a reception area at the New Delhi branch of the New York-based Citibank.

## Powerful

"It was quite a powerful bomb," Kumar said.

Immediate suspicion fell on Sikh extremists fighting for an independent state in the northern Indian state of Punjab, but there was no immediate confirmation that they were responsible, police said.

Police said most of the injured were sitting in the reception area when the bomb went off. The bank is on the ground floor of a building completed only earlier this year.

"It was totally devastated," one witness said.

The injured were rushed to

hospital, where doctors said at least two had been very seriously injured by flying glass and shreds of furniture.

"Their legs are almost gone," one doctor said.

Bank teller, Harish Chandra Grover was among scores of people who fled the bank after the explosion.

"There was a tremendous explosion. The switchboard caught fire. I saw a man fall down in front of me. The room filled with smoke and we rushed out," he said.

Kumar said he would not rule out the possibility that Sikh extremists planted the bomb.

In April, the United States extradited Ruppinder Singh Aankh, a wanted Sikh extremist, back to India.

## Gunbattle

Sikh gunmen at their religion's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, fought a seven-hour gunbattle with police yesterday.

At least four people were killed in the battle, in which police fired into the temple complex from rooftop emplacements on militants who fired back with assault rifles. Today extremists

fired intermittently at police posts from the temple.

More than 700 people were evacuated from the Golden Temple today, a day after Indian security forces laid siege to the shrine. Most of those evacuated were devotees trapped in the shrine since yesterday.

Today's explosion occurred at noon (0630 GMT) in the Jeevan Bharati building in Delhi's busy central Connaught Place shopping centre.

"We are totally perplexed why we should be the target," said senior Citibank executive Jerry Rao in a telephone interview from the bank's Indian headquarters in Bombay.

## Uneasy calm

BEIRUT, May 10, (Reuters): An uneasy calm prevailed in battered south Beirut today as Syrian-Iranian security teams enforced a truce between feuding Shiite Muslim militias.

At least 125 people have been killed in four days as militants of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and Amal fought over territory in the Lebanese capital's teeming Shiite southern suburbs.

## Warning

Akhtar Ali Kazi, Chief Minister of the province of Sind, which includes the seven million people of Karachi, said today the government would deal sternly with rioters.

Opposition leaders said the government had failed to cope and called for fresh elections.

"The government has totally failed to protect peaceful citizens and law and order has gone from bad to worse," said Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, chairman of the National People's Party.

## UN condemns use of poison gas in Gulf war

UNITED NATIONS, May 10, (Reuters): The Security Council yesterday unanimously condemned the continued use of chemical weapons in the Iran-Iraq war and called for strict controls on the export of chemical products to those two countries.

The resolution, the first to focus exclusively on gas warfare in the 7-1/2-year Gulf conflict, did not censure either Iran or Iraq.

But it said the council expected both to refrain from the future use of chemical weapons, in accordance with their obligations under the 1925 Geneva Protocol.

The resolution, adopted without any public debate at one of the council's briefest sessions, "condemns vigorously the continued use of chemical weapons in the conflict between Iran and Iraq."

It also calls on all states "to continue to apply or to establish strict control of the export to the parties to the conflict of chemical products serving for the production of chemical weapons."

## Iran seeks reparations

MANAMA, May 10, (UPI): An Iranian official has demanded that the United States pay reparations for two oil platforms destroyed by American forces in the Gulf.

American warships destroyed the oil platforms in retaliation for an Iranian mine attack on a US vessel, and yesterday's demand came just one day after US Navy divers located and exploded another mine in the strategic waterway.

In Tehran, Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Azagadeh demanded that the US "must make reparations" for the attacks last month on the Iranian oil platforms, Tehran radio said. The radio quoted Azagadeh as

## Sri Lanka signs peace pact with nationalists

COLOMBO, May 10, (AP): The government today signed a peace agreement with a Sinhalese extremist group accused of assassinating at least 260 government officials and supporters, a cabinet minister announced.

Lalith Athulthumudali, Minister of National Security, told a news conference the accord calls for members of the Janatha Vimukthi Perumana (JVP-Liberation Front) to surrender all weapons by May 29 and to stop all guerrilla attacks immediately.

In return, he said, the government will lift its ban on the front's political activities, stop searching for front members and release all imprisoned front members except those charged with murder, attempted murder and robbery.

The ultra-nationalist front claims to guard the interests of the island nation's Sinhalese majority against the demand of the Tamil minority.

The front opposes an Indian-brokered July 29 peace accord that was designed to end a

separatist campaign by Tamil guerrillas by granting greater autonomy to Tamils in Northern and Eastern Sri Lanka. It also has demanded that India withdraw its more than 50,000 soldiers who were sent to Sri Lanka to enforce the accord.

Former Army commander Sepala Attiyagalle, now secretary to the defence minister, said front members have killed at least 260 government officials and others who support the July 29 accord.

Athulthumudali was joined at the news conference by a self-described member of the front and by a Roman Catholic priest who helped negotiate the agreement between the government and the JVP.

Athulthumudali, who is Sinhalese, said he signed the agreement with front leader Rohanna Wijeweera at an undisclosed location.

At the same time, a Colombo newspaper reported that Tamil separatists were approaching their own ceasefire agreement with the Indian troops.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Nine mujahedeen fighters killed

## Rebels capture Afghan post

ISLAMABAD, May 10, (AP): Anti-communist guerrillas overran another government post near the northern border as Soviet-Afghan forces continued vacating positions in Afghanistan, a mujahedeen statement said.

Meanwhile, state-run Radio Kabul said security forces killed nine mujahedeen fighters who refused to lay down their arms in the eastern Paktia province, and in another incident foiled a guerrilla attempt to fire surface-to-surface missiles in the capital's residential areas.

The radio, monitored in Islamabad, said a large quantity of arms and ammunition was seized in the two operations.

**Landmines**  
Sunday's capture of Dasht-e-qala administrative district in Takhar province near the Soviet border brings to nine the number of communist strongholds seized by the guerrillas since late April.

Mujahedeen spokesman Ustad Saeed said Dasht-e-qala fell after a guerrilla attack which began April 27.

Hospital staff in Kabul report that landmines are causing the

heaviest casualties in Afghanistan for several years. Western sources, quoting information received from Kabul, said doctors were receiving high numbers of war casualties, many of them civilians and most of them caused by mine explosions.

Afghan guerrillas and refugee workers in Pakistan say millions of mines have been planted in Afghanistan since Soviet troops arrived to support the Kabul government in 1979.

The vast majority are Soviet but guerrillas have also sown their own.

**Refugees**  
There were no details on the number of casualties involved.

"It's probably because people are moving about more and they are stepping on mines," said one diplomat.

Soviet forces within Afghanistan are already shifting bases in preparation for a full withdrawal starting on May 15.

As they do so, the guerrillas are harassing their lines and some of the three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan have started to cross back over the border, refugee workers said.

"The estimated figure is that something like five million mines have been put on the ground by the Russians, and that will be an immense task to clear them," said Anders Fanga of the Swedish relief committee.

"I think for years yet, we will see Afghan children and Afghan women working out in the fields and getting their hands and feet blasted off by these Russian mines," he said from Peshawar, centre of the refugee relief operation near the Afghan border.

Diplomats said guerrillas were keeping up pressure on Soviet and Afghan government forces around Kabul and the large cities of Kandahar in the south-west and Jalalabad just east of the capital.

They also said that Indian consulate staff in Kandahar have been withdrawn following the closure of their Jalalabad consulate.

**Najib's visit**  
Meanwhile, mujahedeen leaders have condemned Afghan President Najibullah's visit to India.

Gulhuddin Hekmatyar, chairman of the main Afghan resistance

alliance, asked Indians to stop Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi supporting a Soviet puppet regime in Kabul.

Najibullah ended a three-day visit to India on Friday, nine days before an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan are due to begin pulling out under a UN-mediated accord.

Hekmatyar said in a statement Najibullah's government was bound to fall soon without Soviet troops.

He accused Rajiv of political immaturity which he said had created fears India might "resort to another insane and frantic role in Afghanistan similar to that in Sri Lanka."

New Delhi has sent some 50,000 troops to Sri Lanka to help end a Tamil rebellion.

Hekmatyar's seven-party alliance is based in Pakistan, which has also expressed unhappiness at the visit.

Pakistani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani said in an interview published on Sunday that India was running its chances of playing a role in Afghanistan by flirting with Najibullah.

**Americans smoke more than any in the world**  
GENEVA, May 10, (Reuters): The lean jogger who shuns cigarettes has become almost a US stereotype but the average American smokes more than most people in the world.

A report by the World Health Organisation (WHO) shows that adult Americans smoked an average of 3,270 manufactured cigarettes in 1985, about nine a day.

Top of the smoking list in the 122-country study — which did not include home-rolled cigarettes — was Cyprus, with an average of 4,050, followed by Cuba, Greece, Poland and the United States.

The report will be put before the WHO's annual assembly this week. The UN agency has targeted tobacco as a "major avoidable cause of ill health and early death."

The WHO estimates that about 2.5 million people die every year from diseases related to smoking or chewing tobacco — cancer, chronic bronchitis, emphysema and heart trouble.

**Habit**  
The average figures in the study conceal an even heavier smoking habit among those hooked. Actual smokers in the United States light up 27 cigarettes a day and in Japan 22.

Japan's per capita consumption is identical with that of the United States, but the habit is overwhelmingly concentrated among men.

Sixty-six per cent of Japanese men smoke, compared with 14 per cent of the women. In the United States, the habit is more evenly shared, by 35 per cent of the women.



● Pussy, a black cat belonging to the late Dorothy Walker of Richmond, England, sits near a quantity of cash that will be used to pay for its room and board at a Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals clinic in London. Walker, who died last December, left more than \$5 million to the animal care society. (Reuters wirephoto)

**White House defends Nancy's faith in astrology**

## Regan's book sparks anger

WASHINGTON, May 10, (Reuters): The White House has denounced former chief of staff Donald Regan's "kiss-and-tell" book as an attempt to exploit the presidency and defend Nancy Regan's right to consult an astrologer.

Spokesman Martin Fitzwater said President Reagan viewed the book, published on Monday, as a breach of confidence motivated by Regan's self-interest.

Fitzwater denied astrology had played any role in the timing of the planned May 29-June 2 superpower summit in Moscow.

"These are all interesting fun and games here in Washington and people like to read about it but it doesn't influence people in government or people in other countries who are making major policy decisions," he told reporters.

He said Mrs Reagan was very

upset at Regan's assertions she ran a "shadowy distaff presidency", dictating scheduling and travel decisions for her husband after consulting an astrologer.

He also repeated the President's statement of last week, when pre-publication details of Regan's memoir were disclosed. At that time the President said: "No policy or decision in my mind has ever been influenced by astrology."

**Wrong**  
Fitzwater said Regan's book contained "a whole lot of things" that were factually wrong but he declined to give details.

Reading from a prepared statement, Fitzwater said: "The new book by Donald Regan is a hodge-podge of facts and fiction of all such books which seek to exploit the presidency or the first family for personal self-interest."

President Reagan expressed

his view of these kinds of books several days ago, indicating his deep personal disappointment in this breach of confidence.

Regan, who last Friday lashed out at Regan for choosing to attack his wife and not him, was asked at a Rose Garden ceremony on Monday whether he intended to continue to allow astrology to play a role in his daily affairs.

Over the hoos of the audience, who apparently objected to the shouted question, the President replied: "I can't, because I never did."

Under questions from reporters, Fitzwater acknowledged, as he had last week, that Mrs Reagan "has an interest in astrology." He said this interest deepened after the March 30, 1981 assassination attempt against the President and her heightened concern for his safety.

## Pro-opposition editor held in Moscow

MOSCOW, May 10, (Reuters): Soviet independent editor Sergei Grigoryants has been jailed for seven days for backing a new opposition party, his wife said today.

Tamara Grigoryants told reporters in the couple's Moscow flat that her husband was arrested on Monday, still wearing his carpet slippers, after uniformed and plainclothes police searched the dacha (country house) outside the capital which he has turned into a publishing house.

Five members of his staff were arrested with him. Three were jailed for five days, the other two were released, she said.

Grigoryants, who last year launched the independent journal "Glasnost", endorsed the founding of the Democratic Union at the weekend.

**Raid**  
He had offered his dacha at Kratovo, 40 km outside Moscow in a zone closed to foreigners, as a venue for a meeting of the group.

But as about 70 people began arriving for the meeting, Mrs Grigoryants said, the dacha was

surrounded by police cars. Officers searched the house, confiscating 70 typewritten copies of the latest edition of the journal and several hundred backnumbers.

"Not only police but also the local prosecutor took part in the search," she said.

Those officers who should uphold the law broke it by searching the dacha without a warrant.

"During the search, anything could have been planted in the dacha. I would not be surprised if police accuse my husband of keeping arms, drugs or hard currency," she said.

The authorities accused Grigoryants of resisting arrest and ordered him to spend seven days in custody, a short sentence which under Soviet law can be handed down without a full court hearing.

Mrs Grigoryants said the other three people arrested were Viktor Kuzin, Yuri Petrovsky, and a young man who had just started helping Grigoryants, whose name she did not know.

## Tokyo police detain Red Army hijacker

TOKYO, May 10, (Reuters): Police said today they had detained a member of the Japanese Red Army guerrilla group that hijacked an airliner to North Korea in 1970, and Japan's foreign minister accused Pyongyang of helping him return here.

A police spokesman said 34-year-old Yasuhiro Shibata was found in a Tokyo apartment earlier this month during a check on suspicious people as part of security preparations for the Seoul Olympics in September.

The spokesman said Shibata, one of nine members of the ultra-leftist guerrilla team that hijacked a Japan Airlines jet to North Korea, was carrying a forged passport.

Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno told parliament that Shibata could not have left North Korea and returned to Japan "unless North Korea authorised his departure."

**Links**

A police official told parliament it was possible the other seven surviving hijackers had already left North Korea.

The Red Army, involved in a number of terrorist incidents in the 1970s, was linked to a bomb blast near a US club in Rome last month that killed five people.

It is said to be loosely linked

with other guerrilla groups in the "anti-imperialist international brigade." The Red Army claimed responsibility for rocket attacks on three Western embassies in Jakarta in 1985.

The police spokesman told Reuters that Shibata's forged passport indicated he had been travelling widely since at least 1986, with visits to Britain, France, Belgium and Hong Kong.

He said Shibata, a high-school student at the time of the hijacking, had gone through passport control at Tokyo's main international airport six times in the past two years without being discovered.

Japan is preparing tight security measures to combat any terrorist attacks during the Olympic Games in September and October and officials have said they fear the Red Army could be planning something.

The group issued a statement late last year saying the Olympics would be destroyed by the South Korean people's struggle for democracy.

Police arrested a Red Army leader, Osamu Maruoka, in Tokyo last November. Officials said he was carrying papers indicating the Red Army wanted to establish an urban guerrilla network throughout South-East Asia.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Monkey electrocuted

NEW DELHI, May 10, (AP): The city of Kanpur was blacked out for several hours today after a monkey was electrocuted on the same high tension wire where her mate was killed 10 days ago, the United News of India reported.

It said the female monkey had visited the site daily until jumping on the power line. Her mate died April 30 when he jumped on the same line, UNI said. Both episodes caused blackouts of several hours in Kanpur, 386 kms southeast of New Delhi.

## Fingerprints

NICOSIA, May 10, (Reuters): Iran will start fingerprinting all citizens over the age of 15 this month as part of an anti-crime campaign, Tehran radio reported.

This would help to prevent forgery and would make life difficult for criminals, the radio quoted the head of the state registration bureau, Ali Akbar Rahmani, as saying.

Men aged between 25 and 30 will be the first to have their fingerprints taken, said the radio, monitored in Nicosia. The project would cost 1.5 billion rials (22 million dollars) and was expected to be completed in four years.

## Volcano erupts

JAKARTA, May 10, (UPI): More than 2,000 villagers from Gunung Api fled to nearby Banda Neira when the volcano that dominates their island erupted for the first time in 87 years, according to reports reaching Jakarta today.

The eruption (Monday) shook us here in Ambon," Deputy Wattenma, the mayor of the provincial capital of Ambon, 125 miles (400 km) from Gunung Api, said in a telephone interview today. He said all the inhabitants of Gunung Api, or fire island, had been evacuated to Banda Neira island.

## Marriage poll

NEW YORK, May 10, (AP): Only 7 per cent of married women surveyed by Ladies Home Journal say they wouldn't marry their mate again.

The poll of 608 women released Monday found that 88 per cent would wed the same man again. The rest were undecided.

Their husbands' sense of humour was cited as the reason for falling in love by 49 per cent of women surveyed while 39 per cent said they decided to marry him because "he shared my vision of the future."

## Students rally

SEOUL, May 10, (AP): Hundreds of radical students tossed firebombs today into columns of riot police outside a university campus as they urged the government to give North Korea a role in staging the Olympics this fall.

The violence at Seoul's Korea University continued for more than two hours, with students shouting "joint Olympics" although most slogans were directed at the government of President Roh Tae-Woo.

## US to join Unesco

TOKYO, May 10, (AP): Unesco secretary-general Federico Mayor said the United States is likely to rejoin the organisation "at an early date" following its withdrawal in 1984 over charges of alleged anti-Western bias and gross mismanagement, a newspaper reported.

In an interview with the Asahi Shimbun, Mayor said "consideration is clearly under way (in the United States) for its return, and it will be at an early date," the paper said.

## Fishermen freed

DHAKA, May 10, (Reuters): Bangladesh has freed 83 Indian fishermen arrested for fishing illegally in Bangladesh's territorial waters, officials said today.

The fishermen, detained for up to three months in Bagerhat jail in southern Bangladesh, will sail for home on Wednesday aboard the eight boats that were seized by Bangladesh Navy.

## Polish strike

GDANSK, May 10, (AP): Striking workers at the Lenin Shipyard pressed their work stoppage for an eighth day today, and a spokesman accused authorities of beating two couriers leaving the shipyard overnight.

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Japan is preparing tight security measures to combat any terrorist attacks during the Olympic Games in September and October and officials have said they fear the Red Army could be planning something.

The group issued a statement late last year saying the Olympics would be destroyed by the South Korean people's struggle for democracy.

Police arrested a Red Army leader, Osamu Maruoka, in Tokyo last November. Officials said he was carrying papers indicating the Red Army wanted to establish an urban guerrilla network throughout South-East Asia.



## Teachers doing a crucial job, but they are poorly paid

A LOCAL daily interviewed a number of teachers to determine the day-to-day problems they encounter professionally.

Khalid Al Hindi, an ex-teacher at the primary stage, presently an educational researcher at the research centre said that the lot of teachers in general is an unenviable one, they deal with a job that is crucial and vital to society, yet, are poorly paid. They deal with a spectrum of youth problems, each student having his/her own personality which compounds easy problem solving.

He added that many teachers were allocated curriculums which they were not satisfied

with. Linking the teaching profession with other administrative jobs at the ministry is unfair. Many teachers received directives from several departments causing confusion.

### Credit hours

Fatma Ibrahim, a teacher at the secondary level said that the credit hours system has many administrative difficulties. A teacher has to follow-up the personal aptitudes and problems of 10 to 11 students leaving inadequate time for her main duties — teaching. Fatma who also prepares a report on students obtaining low grades believes these reports do not

produce any positive results and only serve to act as an extra burden on teachers.

Salwa Abdul Lah, a teacher at the kindergarten stage has her own concept as to the requirements which often are in conflict with officials.

Suad Hassan a mathematics teacher at the intermediate stage commented that she intends leaving the profession — without regrets. She believed that there is a total lack of appreciation to the dedication of teachers and parents main concern is whether their sons or daughters passed — the other issues being ignored. She felt it was a thankless profession.

## Seminar on equal educational opportunities in Arab countries

THE Kuwait Society for the Advancement of Arab Childhood held a seminar recently on the theme of equal educational opportunities in the Arab countries.

The seminar was attended by the chairman of the Education Faculty at the American University in Beirut (AUB) Dr. Munir Bashour, the editor-in-chief of Al Tawon (Co-operation) magazine in Saudi Arabia, Dr. Abdulaziz Al Jaleel and advisor of Bahrain's Education Minister.

The seminar was also attended by Kuwaiti Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri, the chairman

of the society Dr. Hassan Al Ibrahim, Dr. Qassem Al Sarraf and Dr. Bader Al Omer of Kuwait University and the chairman and director-general of Kuwait's Tourist Enterprises Company (TEC) Mohammed Al Sanousi.

### Debating

Meanwhile, Dr. Al Ibrahim said that the society was organising an annual conference which included six seminars on the main issues of Arab children.

In an interview with local newspaper Dr. Al Ibrahim said that the seminar was debating one of the most important issues facing

Arab children namely equal educational opportunities.

Dr. Bashour said the last few years had witnessed a significant increase in Arab students, particularly in the primary stage. He added that the expansion in the education system had benefited the boy students more than the girls, clarifying that the Arab girls need a long time to keep up with educational march.

He added that the education percentage among the females in the Arab countries was low but in the Arab Gulf countries (except Saudi Arabia) was relatively high.

## 2,800-year-old treasure unearthed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, May 10, (Reuters). A 2,800-year-old treasure trove has been discovered by archaeologists excavating a tomb in the ancient Iraqi city of Nimrud, the English-language newspaper Baghdad Observer said today.

The 200 artefacts included precious stones and valuable beads, the paper quoted Mo'ayyad Sa'ed, the director-general of the Iraqi Antiquities Department as saying.

Sa'ed told the Observer the treasure was found in a tomb in the northern palace of the Assyrian King Ashur-Nasir-Pal II who ruled from 883 to 859 B.C.

The newspaper quoted other archaeologists as saying the treasure probably belonged to a woman in the king's entourage, whose skeleton was found in the tomb.

## Call for Arab industry for engineering equipment

A STUDY prepared by the general secretariat of the Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce and Industry called for establishing an Arab industry for manufacturing of engineering equipment and tools.

The study said such an industry was crucial for the production of transport and defence equipment and of most types of commodities.

It emphasised the need to direct efforts of both private and joint sectors towards the production of such equipment.

The study was discussed by several official Arab organisations and they called for expanding the market through economic solidarity among Arab companies.

## Iran wants Turkey to handle its interests

### Saudis studying request

RIYADH, May 10, (AP). The Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry is studying a request by Iran that Turkey be allowed to look after Iranian interests in the kingdom, Arab diplomatic sources said today.

Saudi Arabia severed diplomatic ties with Iran last week, when the Riyadh government accused Tehran of terrorism and intimidation against the kingdom and gunboat attacks on Saudi commercial shipping in the Gulf sea lanes.

Turkey has been looking after

Iranian interests in Iraq, while doing the same for Iraq in Iran. The diplomatic sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Iran had requested that Turkey represent Iranian interests in Saudi Arabia.

Iran and Iraq have been at war since September 1980.

Riyadh's response to the Iranian request is expected to be favourable, mainly in view of the cordial relations between Saudi Arabia and Turkey, diplomatic sources said.

## Gulf regional institute for training

THE Arab Ministers of Social Affairs and Labour Council's Follow-Up Committee has confirmed the importance of setting up a Gulf Regional Institute for the training of senior officials and technical staff working in cooperative organisations of Arab Gulf countries.

In a memo, on the outcome of the recent seminar, the committee recommended coordinating the work of cooperative unions and merging the social, cultural and humanitarian aspects of the cooperative enterprise through seminars and symposiums.

### Waldheim to visit Saudi Arabia June 4

RIYADH, May 10, (Reuters). Austrian President Kurt Waldheim will make a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia from June 4 at the start of a Middle East tour, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

They said Waldheim, who will also visit the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, will meet King Fahd and other high-ranking Saudi officials. It will be his fourth official foreign trip and his second to the Middle East since he took office in June 1986.

## Dhahar fresh water source discovered

JASSEM AL KHLAIFI, the chief engineer of Al Dhahar Housing Project at the National Housing Authority announced yesterday that the authority discovered the source of fresh water found in block No. 4 in the area.

Residents had claimed that fresh drinking water could be found on digging two or three feet in the ground which caused considerable concern. Al Khlaiifi said that the cause of this water was a water pipe which exploded underground. He said that an owner of a house had some construction work done on his house which resulted in damaging the pipe and leaking the water to at least 4 other neighbouring houses. He added that the water pipes leading to the houses, were installed by inexperienced persons, who had left the pipes without proper cover causing them to rust and explode.

Al Khlaiifi stated that the NHA has instituted repairs to the affected houses.

## Moon-sighting Committee to meet Sunday

THE Moon-sighting Committee will meet at the Justice Ministry at the Kuwait Ministries Complex on Sunday, May 15, (Ramadan 29) at 8.30 pm in preparation for any reports regarding the sighting of the Shawal moon, Justice Ministry sources announced.

## Sytenko opens talks with Kuwaiti officials

THE official talks between Kuwait and the Soviet Union started yesterday, led by Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shabaneh and the Soviet envoy Mikhail Sytenko, who is at present visiting the country.

An official source at the Foreign Ministry told Kuna that the talks tackled bilateral ties. It also centred on situation in Afghanistan, while Sytenko explained developments there following signing of the Geneva agreement between concerned parties whereby the Soviet troops are to withdraw from Afghanistan.

The Soviet side affirmed his country's commitment and seriousness in implementing the Geneva agreement, particularly the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and allow the Afghan people to exercise self-

determination and to choose form of their government, the source added.

Kuwait welcomed that agreement and expressed hope that the positive steps will lead to restoring stability and security for the Muslim Afghan people, the source went on.

The source expressed optimism over the implementation of this agreement which will be a serious and practical step toward solving all regional issues like the Middle East crisis, Palestinian problem, the Iraq-Iran war and the Lebanese question.

Kuwait is hoping that the upcoming American-Soviet summit, which scheduled in Moscow late this month, will come out with positive reflections on these regional issues, the source pointed out.

A second round of talks is scheduled to take place today.

The Kuwaiti side was represented by director of the Foreign Ministry's Europe Department Faisal Al Saleh Al Mottawa and Abdel Latif Al Mawash from the same department, while the Soviet side included the Ambassador to Kuwait Ernest Zverev and Sytenko's accompanying delegation.

## Report reveals municipality's financial violations

A REPORT prepared by the Ministry of Finance on the financial affairs of Kuwait Municipality for the year 1986/1987 fiscal year, revealed many financial violations.

Among others, the ministry noted that approval to establish projects was granted even prior to obtaining suitable and approved sites. Utilisation of funds for purposes other than those allocated for and delay in tendering and other financial procedures such as transfer of funds from one account to another even though the credited account had a surplus balance. Wrong estimates of project costs and the choice of unsuitable contractors to undertake certain jobs were also reported.

A letter on the findings have been sent by the Ministry of Finance to the Kuwait Municipality.

## Pilgrims' safety assured

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10, (Kuna). The Saudi Arabian government has given an assurance to look after the safety of all pilgrims and the presence of Iranian pilgrims need not be a cause for concern, Malaysian Pilgrims Management and Fund Board (Tabung Haji) director-general Haji Ahmed Haji Yeop Abdul Hamid said today.

He said although the Saudi Arabian government allowed Iranians to perform the haj this season, their number was limited.

He told this to reporters after the opening of a five-day workshop of "haj operations" for 125 haj officers at Kelana Jaya, 10 km from here.

Some 30,000 Malaysian pilgrims — the largest number to date — will be performing the haj this year compared with 25,000 last year.

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Anwar Al Nouri (fourth from right) and other guests enjoy the children's programme at the Saad Bin Moath Kindergarten recently.

## Kindergarten students hold musical programme

KINDERGARTEN students at the Saad Bin Moath school held a musical programme recently for parents and friends in the Ahmadi Educational Area.

The programme was attended by Kuwait's Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri, Assistant Undersecretary for Planning Affairs at the Education Ministry Rasheed Al Hamad, the Assistant Undersecretary for Student Affairs Abdul Mohsen Al Saeed, the Assistant Undersecretary for General Education, Suad Al Rifai and a number of ministry officials.

The director of the Ahmadi Educational Area welcomed the guests after which the children sang a number of songs.

## Indian envoy meets Al Khodr

THE Ambassador of India to Kuwait N.N. Jha met with the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Director of Asia and Africa Department, Abdul Aziz Essa Al Khodr at the latter's office yesterday. Matters of mutual concern were discussed.

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audience

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### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received yesterday at his office in the Council of Ministers, the head of the National Guards, Sheikh Salem Al Ali, the Interior Minister, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, the Defence Minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, the Minister of Public Works, Abdul Rahman Al Houti, the State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Abdul Mohsen Mohammed Al Rifai and the Education Minister and Acting Higher Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri.

Sheikh Saad later received separately members of the Higher Planning Council Youssef Ibrahim Al Ghanim and Abdul Razak Khaled Al Khaled and rector of Kuwait University, Dr Abdul Mohsen Al Abdel Razak.

## Sheikh Saad visits commercial markets

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah Monday night inspected the commercial markets in central Kuwait as he is accustomed to doing in the holy month of Ramadan.

Sheikh Saad then toured the new Safat Square and the old Courts Complex that was renewed according to traditional Kuwaiti style and finally visited the meat and fish markets in their new site in Shuwaik.

The Crown Prince chatted with owners of shops and citizens who happened to be in the area. Later, Sheikh Saad walked along

the seafont in the Arabian Gulf road.

Sheikh Saad was accompanied by Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, Sheikh Faisal Saad Al Sabah, the Planning Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi; the State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Al Rifai, Sheikh Fahd Saad Al Abdullah, Hamad Al Rejeb, Salem Al Qatan, Fahd Al Duwairi, the Information Undersecretary, Abdul Aziz Jafar, Seif Marzouq Al Shamlan and Mohammed Khalaf.

The Crown Prince was also accompanied by the director of his office, Abdul Latif Abdul Rahman Al Bahar, acting director general of the Municipality, Engineer Sabah Jaber Al Ali, assistant director general of Sheikh Saad office for technical affairs, Dr Farouk Al Omar and a number of officials from the Crown Prince's office.

## Al Jassar tipped as new KISR chief

DR Ahmad Al Jassar, assistant dean of Kuwait University Science Faculty, will be appointed as the new Director-General of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, according to a local Arabic daily.

Al Jassar will replace Dr Homoud Al Rqobah, who is appointed Minister of Electricity and Water two months ago. Meanwhile, it was also learnt that Homoud Al Mudal will be appointed deputy director-general of the Applied Education Authority.

Amiri decrees will be issued shortly.

## Osami meets envoys

STATE Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi, yesterday received ambassadors of the Scandinavian countries, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. Following the meeting, an authoritative source told Kuna they reviewed bilateral relations.

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## By Gail Seery

I know you're going to find this statement a little hard to believe, but this week I've actually managed to find a film which doesn't include musical interludes disguised as plot development. I didn't think there were any such films.

"Broadcast News", starring William Hurt, Albert Brooks and Holly Hunter, seems to get along very nicely without this, the most utilised film device of all time. As a comedy it's very strong, but asks questions about morals and the nature of the news which don't really get answered. Not that it would necessarily enhance the film if they did. There is a serious core to the story, disguised with humorous dialogue and some very effective acting.

The central character, Jane, is a news producer, exceptionally gifted, exceptionally pushy, and given to weeping in order to let off steam. As she hawls out every single member

## VIDEO CORNER

## As Holly bawls out

of the crew during an emergency news bulletin, the Head of Station News remarks, "I had no idea she was so good."

Jane is a character who pushes herself and the people around her to the limits in order to get what she considers to be the best possible final result. In one shot she is completely revamping an interview with moments to go before the news item is due out. The viewer can almost feel the intense pressure as she makes her decisions, the necessary work is put together, and the girl waits to take it to be televised. "The girl is hyperventilating. Why do you do this to me?" she screams. "Is it because I won an award? What about our careers? We're not going to make it?" she screams.

Actually they do make it, with zero seconds to spare.

I feel that this film has given me a new insight. I realise now that this must be the sort of pressure KTV2 News is under nightly, so perhaps I'll be a little more indulgent in future. I can just see some pushy producer deciding at the last moment to change the entire slant of the Temperatures in Gulf Capitals or the telegrams section.

Broadcast News is enhanced still more by a lot of snappy dialogue providing a series of excellent one-liners like "I'm no good at what I'm being a success at." Thus spake Tom Runkick the Anchorman, who is good-looking in a wholesome, biodegradable sense. "What can you do with yourself if all you can do is look

good?" he asks.

He meets and then works with Jane, who impresses him immensely. For some reason (probably plot development) he feels the need to pour out his soul and his insecurities to her. She is appalled by what she hears.

"So you didn't" go to college, you're not well educated, and you can't write!" she muses. "And I'm making a fortune," he adds.

Jane does not feel that he's capable of doing the job he is given at the station, and yet his career develops rapidly. He may not have the basic skills conventionally required by the station, but he does have a surface magnetism and sincerity which appeals to the viewers

and the TV moguls.

The situation is complicated by Jane's close relationship with Aaron, who was the top station anchorman until Tom arrived. He can speak a variety of languages, has excellent background knowledge, and a distinguished career record, but finds himself being dropped increasingly in favour of Tom, whose own grasp of the news is sketchy and who has to rely closely on Jane.

The tension and obsession with work is superbly projected. Whilst Broadcast News does ask moral questions, it's really about the relationships at the studio. Most of the characters could neatly be defined as obsessional neurotics.

Holly Hunter is the centre of the film in her role as Jane. All other characters are satellites to this small but competent woman. It's a funny film, with a touch of seriousness which makes it compulsive viewing. I have no hesitation in proclaiming it one of the best I have seen for a long time.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV1

- 1.00 Holy Quran
- 1.10 Tao Tao: cartoons
- 2.00 Zahrat Wal Saif: historical serial, starring Abdullah Ghath, Hussein Fahmi, Yusuf Shaban, Aminia Rizk, Iman Toqi
- 3.00 Istafarat Ramadan
- 3.35 Jurooh: daily serial, starring Zuhair Numan, Maha Saleh, Dawood Jalal
- 4.45 Saawat Al Sabar: daily serial, starring Deenit religious talk
- 6.45 After Ifar
- 7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Ohaid, Maryam Ghadban, Jassim Nabhan, Huda Hussein
- 7.45 With Students: Quiz Show
- 8.30 Folklore
- 9.00 Deirat Al Khair: Charity
- 9.30 Ramadan Contests
- 10.00 Musafir: Bala Hawalya: serial, featuring Ghanem Al Saleh and Hayat Al Fahad
- 12.00 Late Night Serial: Sabar Ya Umm Sabar
- 1.00 Late Night Variety Show: Film Min Kitah, prepared and presented by Dnraiya Sharul-din



Sledge Hammer in action tonight, at 11.41 pm, KTV2.

- 2.20 News Summary
- 2.30 Holy Quran/Close down

## KTV2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 The Adventures of Gummi Bears: "Hard Dazed Knight", Cartoon
- 8.30 Growing Pains: "Born Free" An unwilling Mike is taken to a university to get the "feel of college life" after he declares his intention of not continuing his studies.
- 9.00 News in English
- 9.12 European Cup Winners Cup finals

- 11.11 Wildlife on One: "Birds of the Sun God"
- 11.41 Sledge Hammer: "Comrade Hammer" Sledge is in charge of an operation to protect a Russian scientist, also pursued by the KGB.
- 12.15 Private Eye: "Nobody Dies" An armed robbery takes place in China Town; and a man is killed.
- 1.07 News Summary
- 1.20 Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Service

- 0000 World News
- 01 News about Britain
- 03 Radio Newsworld
- 05 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 07 Report on Religion
- 09 Country Style
- 09 World News
- 09 News about Britain
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By Kathy Cuddihy

MAY is international moving month. Each year at this time something triggers an inner mechanism and off we go, uprooting ourselves and possessions. Of course not everyone moves — at least not in the same May. Each time a large percentage of us stays fixed, if for no other reason than to help friends who have decided to relocate.

No matter how much moving experience we accumulate, the task is always an ordeal, both physically and mentally. Perhaps because most adults have endured this gruelling fact of life... and somehow survived... we can afford a little sympathy towards others who undertake the project. Those of us with a well-honed sense of neighbourliness — or latent tendencies towards masochism — carry sympathy to a higher plane and actually offer to involve themselves in other people's moves.

In my own case, I am neither a particularly good neighbour, nor a closet masochist, nor even under threat of blackmail. Yet, for some inexplicable reason, when I learned of a friend's imminent move, I blurted out "Why don't I come over and help supervise the movers?" Before I could hastily retract my too-hasty words, the friends had eagerly accepted. Who wouldn't? Especially when no one else had been fool enough to volunteer.

Since there appeared to be no tactical way to leave the poor woman in the lurch, I yielded to fate and dutifully showed up on her doorstep at the appointed hour on the appointed day. Unfortunately, the movers didn't feel bound by the same sense of loyalty.

As we waited, first patiently and then with growing impatience, my friend asked if I would like a cup of coffee and... something to eat. My punctuality had precluded

## A moving experience



breakfast, so I gratefully accepted. What would ordinarily have been a routine task became complicated by the fact that the friend suddenly remembered that all the necessary ingredients and utensils had been packed or eaten. Despite my protests, she insisted on digging and delving until she found the basics. Then she retreated towards her son's bedroom and returned a few minutes later with some supposedly edible pilfered booty.

"Would you like a Suzy-Q?" she asked, handing me a packaged cake that looked like something a dog had unloaded on the sidewalk. Yuk. Just what I needed: an injection of processed chemical compounds at this uncivilised hour of the morning.

By this time, several hours behind schedule, it looked as though the movers had either gone to the wrong house or booked

the wrong day. As I started to make excuses to get back to my work, the van pulled up to the door and disgorged a team of hurly packers.

With a familiarity born of long experience, they quickly dispersed around the house and began preparing the large cardboard boxes.

"Kathy, would you mind going into the kitchen to keep an eye on the men and make sure they don't do anything silly like pack pots on top of crystal? I'd also appreciate it if you could make a general list of what is in each box."

It sounded simple enough. What I hadn't reckoned on was a packer who worked at bullet speed. His wrapping and packing outpaced my watching and writing by light years. I figured I had to become less detailed in my content descriptions and hoped my friend wouldn't mind if I just

marked "kitchen stuff" on the boxes under my supervision.

A loud, high-pitched, incredulous "You what?" brought all work to a temporary halt. My curiosity piqued, I abandoned my post to find out what had happened.

"I told this man to pack only the drawers that didn't have masking tape across them," wailed my frantic friend. "Then I left him for ten minutes while I checked on the packers in the other rooms. When I got back I noticed all the gaping holes in the dresser. He has taken me literally and packed the drawers!" The situation probably wouldn't have been so bad if they had planned on taking the rest of the dresser as well....

No sooner had we rediscovered the packed drawers than another crisis cropped up.

"Good grief, Kathy. Yesterday the moving supervisor told me it would take two full days to pack us out. Now he says they can finish this afternoon!" "So what's the problem? I would think you'd be glad to get rid of this mob."

"The problem is the bedsheets. They haven't been washed. How can I pack dirty sheets?"

"Look," I reasoned, "how dirty can they be? What do you expect them to do, ferment? If you feel so uncomfortable about it, put them in a large plastic bag and seal it with a label that says 'Nuclear Waste.'"

Somehow we all survived the day — even the movers. Since then I have watched a bevy of other friends depart. I offer to lend them any household supplies they need after their shipment has left, or to cook meals for them, but I do not participate in packing.

What worries me is that when it finally comes time for us to leave, there won't be anyone left to help me. Maybe that's why we keep saying on... and on... and on....

### Sad story of a victim of terror

## Coping with life after a hijack

By Christine Doyle

DESPITE her crutches, Catherine Hill, 28, set off at a jaunty pace through the busy early morning sun to her car a block and a half away. To the casual eye, she might have been another ski casualty from the nearby Mont Blanc resorts.

But her quick smiles and dashing air are deceptive. They are, she told me, part of her "positive face that works." She uses them to disguise the appalling permanent disfigurement and mental anguish inflicted during the terrorist hijacking of a Pan Am jumbo jet in Karachi nearly two years ago.

"When the lights went out some minutes before the plane was stormed, the hijackers panicked. They fired machine guns at passengers huddled in the aisles, killing at least 17 people. And they lobbed grenades. One of them exploded so close to Catherine's seat that her hip was shattered, her sciatic nerve destroyed and her left buttock ripped away."

Since that devastating moment, Catherine, a teacher, has had no choice but to devote her life to a painfully slow physical and mental recovery. She is almost totally dependent on others for financial support, and has virtually exhausted her savings.

Tragedy Now the tragedy is being intensified by the legal wrangling over her claim for compensation from Pan Am.

"I need help now to get the best neurological, orthopaedic and plastic surgery available. Pan Am must take the responsibility for the terrible thing that has happened to me. The energetic, joyous life I knew has been utterly destroyed."

That she is alive at all she attributes to the quick thinking of her friend Virginia Carati, an engineer from Milan, with whom she had been on holiday for five weeks in India. He is now her main financial support.

"Towards the end of the hijack, the gunmen tried to amass us in the aisles, but Virginia, who was in the window



Catherine Hill (right) with her friend Virginia Carati: 'The Kuwaiti hijack made me relive Karachi all over again. I felt very sick, and as though I would explode.'

seat, sensed what was going to happen and pulled me against him. I crouched as much as possible with my left side towards the aisle."

"When the bomb went off, I knew in that instant that my buttock was blown away and that I had lost sensation in one leg. But I realised I was not paralysed because I could move the other foot."

"Someone had opened the doors and helped to unjam me from my position. Then Virginia picked me up and pushed me down the chute. He followed and dragged me to a van."

In the post-hijack confusion, there were reports that Catherine might have been killed; later it emerged that she had survived but with ghastly injuries.

For four months in the Middlesex and Mount Vernon hospitals, she endured countless operations, both successes and failures, to pin her shattered bones, graft skin to the excruciatingly sensitive buttock area and remove shrapnel. She lost three and a half stone in weight. "I could not eat: meat reminded me of my lost flesh."

"As I realised the full implications of my injuries, I suffered increasing depression. Despite the wonderful emotional support from my

family and Virginia, I would just lie for days in a void, feeling the grief well up inside." "I'm not to her misery a colostomy reversal failed, and it was over a year before her bowels began to function normally."

There are many question marks over Catherine Hill's future. She has been told that even if she manages to get off her crutches, she will never run again. Her sciatic nerve may regenerate but this is not certain and she may need a muscle graft to stop her "left foot drop."

A hip replacement or "bone graft to unite my femur" are next on a medical agenda that stretches years ahead. Each day she gets up at 6 am so that she can be in time for an 8 am electro-stimulation at a Milan hospital to strengthen her muscles.

She fished out her latest X-ray plate from a patterned rucksack — her "handbag" — and pointed out the crumbling hip joint and head of her femur, together with many remaining fragments of shrapnel, some close to her spine. "I would like to have children one day, but that could be a problem for my hip."

She showed me the "battle field" of skin grafts and thickened fibrosed skin that passes

for her left buttock — "I curve in, not out" — and two massive ridged scars on her abdomen. She then looked in a drawer for some photographs of tanned and beautiful body, taken on a Caribbean beach the year before the hijack.

"I try to be objective, but when I see young women flaunting their bodies and know that I can never ever be as I am in the photograph, my sense of loss as a woman is unbearably painful."

Both Catherine and Virginia are, she says, very much in love with each other. "I have been very lucky in all the support from Virginia and those who are helping me in England. Even so, you have your crises alone. There are days when I cannot speak to any one, and I still have many sleepless nights. Every day I cry; that's the truth."

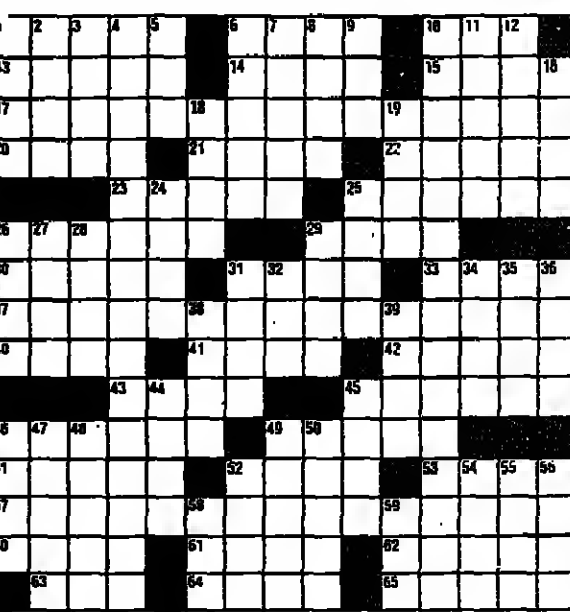
"The Kuwaiti hijack made me relive Karachi all over again. I felt very sick, and as though I would explode."

Both of them have tried to come to terms with the horror they still experience. Virginia says: "You live with the constant fear that it may happen again, and it affects even quite neutral relationships. Sometimes you feel a sense of menace, and you suddenly feel incredibly uneasy."

In her small sunny apartment, about 20 minutes from Milan city centre, Catherine is gradually remaking her life. She loves children and teaching, so she is trying to set up a small business teaching English to young Italian children. Although she still has "enormous energy," she cannot work more than an hour or so a day.

She plays the piano, paints and tries to redress the dark times by what she calls "regenerative" activities. But for all the brave words and determination to pull through, hers is a lonely struggle. She feels her isolation all the more keenly in her fight for compensation from a seemingly implacable Pan Am.

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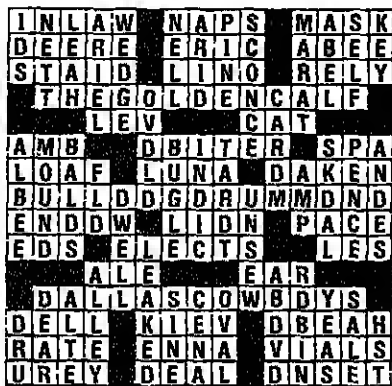
BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ J6 ♣ AQ103 ♦ AJ9 ♣ KQ63  
Your right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What action do you take?  
A.—Even though any action you take is flawed, you cannot afford to wait to see how the auction develops. We dislike a takeout double when we don't have the spade suit and we have no clear rebid should partner respond in that suit to our double. Therefore, we would settle for one no trump despite the fact that we don't have a spade stopper.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠ KQ63 ♣ AQ103 ♦ AJ9 ♠ J6  
Your right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What action do you take?  
A.—The same hand as above, except that we have transposed the black suits. Since you hold four cards in each major, the double is clear-cut. If partner responds in a major, you can show the strength of your hand by raising.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ AQ9842 ♣ Q103 ♦ AQ ♠ 73  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
What do you bid now?  
A.—It might seem that it is automatic to rebid your six-card major, but that will leave you awkwardly placed should partner be short in spades (and, if you don't play two-over-one forcing for one round, partner might pass two spades with a misfit). Since you have a known eight-card fit, why not simply raise to three hearts?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ 6 ♣ K53 ♦ Q82 ♠ AQ9852  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
What action do you take?  
A.—Although the possibility of a misfit looms, your hand is worth a try for game. Since most players use a rebid of three clubs in this sequence to show a sub-minimum two-over-one response and a self-sufficient suit, the logical effort is two no trump—if partner has a modicum of club support, you have a source of tricks.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠ Q9 ♣ KQJ984 ♦ AJ6 ♠ 83  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
What do you bid now?

A.—Partner has shown a strong hand by introducing a new suit at the three-level, and you have quite a problem. You can't bid no trump without a stopper in the unbid suit, you have already shown a six-card heart suit and you don't have adequate support for either of partner's suits. The solution is a temporizing bid of three spades, to see what partner does next—be might have delayed heart support for you.

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Something that is important to you will make good progress. You should not allow yourself to be invaded by doubts. Concern yourself with what is strictly practical just now. Be objective.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should make sure you have enough time for reading. Do not allow yourself to get out of practice. Venus' influence will help you to deal with a matter close to your heart. Be frugal.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be able to do something a little more positive. Do not try to do too much all at once and do not be slapdash. Avoid trying to run until you are quite sure how to walk. Be more flexible.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should beware of jumping to conclusions. If you want to make sure something is well done, do it yourself. Do not let first impressions deceive you. Be less stubborn.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have something to be really pleased about. Make sure you do not have too many late nights in succession. Do not get flustered even if you have a lot to do. Be realistic.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to come to the correct conclusion. You should not pursue an avenue which is turning out to be a dead end. You should not make any rash assumptions. Be cordial.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to take full advantage of a good idea. You will have to reckon with no expense being more than you had first allowed for. You have no reason to lose in yourself. Be resolute.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Today you will be able to make good progress with a matter that has been proving problematical. You will have something to be really pleased about. Make sure you get all the rest you need. Be less impatient.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to get on well with your friends. Do not however expect too much from them. Something that has been puzzling you for some time will now be nearer to a solution. Be practical.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

The influence of the Sun and of Jupiter will help you to take advantage of a good opportunity. You will be able to solve a problem that has been bothering you for some time. Do not try to evade or hide from the truth. Be alert.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

If you trust too much to luck you will be in for a grave disappointment. You should make yourself a little more approachable. You should tread warily when dealing with a delicate matter. Be tactful.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should take care about your financial affairs: do not allow yourself to get into debt. Now is the time to deal with an outstanding practical matter. Do not live entirely on your wits. Be less complacent.



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Thought for today

BEWARE OF despairing about yourself — Saint Augustine (354-430)

Danes hold election on nuclear policy

By Rolf Soderlind

COPENHAGEN, (UPI): Denmark, NATO's weak link, held snap elections yesterday on its flagging commitment to the alliance after parliament voted to harden the country's anti-nuclear stance.

The legislature passed a socialist-sponsored resolution April 14 ordering the government to notify the captains of visiting warships that it is illegal to bring nuclear weapons into Danish territorial waters.

Denmark, a charter member of NATO, has never tried to implement its 30-year-old peace-time ban on nuclear weapons, but simply has assumed that visiting warships complied with the restrictions. Even though the resolution does not require captains to reveal whether their ships carry nuclear arms, the government could not live with the implications.

"Why should we act as if we distrust our allies?" asked Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann Jensen asked. "It's hypocritical. Soviet nuclear-armed ships are passing only a few hundred metres from our coast" through the Oresund Strait.

Resigned Conservative Prime Minister Poul Schluter, 59, angrily resigned and called the elections for May 10. He said he was seeking a clear mandate from the electorate for a continued full membership of the 16-member North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Snap elections are commonplace in Denmark, where minority governments try to live with changing majorities. This one is only eight months after the last, an election triggered by a dispute in parliament over economic policy.

But today's vote will be closely watched by the US-led Western alliance.

The anti-nuclear resolution in the nine-party legislature drew sharp reactions from the allies, who often express concern at the modest defence budgets of Denmark, a welfare state of 5.1 million.

The United States and Britain said the resolution challenged their policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence of nuclear weapons on their warships. This policy aims at keeping terrorists — and Moscow — in the dark.

The State Department said the

resolution undermined NATO unity and raised questions about Denmark's future role in the alliance.

Cancelled Britain cancelled naval visits to Danish ports pending the outcome of the election. It said it was reconsidering the participation of British troops in manoeuvres on Danish soil. British reinforcements would be crucial for the wartime defence of Denmark, gatekeeper of the Soviet-dominated Baltic Sea.

A meeting of NATO defence ministers called to discuss long-term nuclear arms needs was swiftly moved from the Danish town of Kolding to Brussels, the alliance headquarters, at the end of April.

US Secretary of Defence Frank Carlucci, addressing the Brussels meeting, said the Danish resolution "came at a particularly unfortunate point in time."

"We are in the process of negotiating with the Soviet Union on the most far-reaching reduction of nuclear weapons in the history of the world, and this kind of unilateral move tends to undercut these negotiations," he said.

Pacifists Danish opposition leader Svend Auken, 45, chairman of the Social Democratic Party, said "Alliance leaders have overreacted. We are not hairy pacifists."

With opinion polls showing a majority of Danes in favour of NATO membership, the Social Democrats have tried to shift the election issue from defence to economics.

But Schluter, who in 1982 became Denmark's first conservative prime minister since 1901, has managed to keep the focus on the nuclear warships for the country's first election on defence policies since 1923. His campaign slogan is "Denmark's security above all."

The Socialist camp in parliament repeatedly has forced Schluter's minority government to insert reservations against NATO decisions.

The resolution on nuclear-armed warships marked Schluter's 23rd defeat on defence or security issues in six years. It was the final straw for the conservative leader.

But opinion polls indicate he will not gain enough votes to win a majority on defence issues. The election is not expected to solve Denmark's nuclear squabble.

Stars show the way to Asian politicians

By Ruth Youngblood

SINGAPORE, (UPI): President Reagan has been thrust into a controversy over the role of the stars in his decisions. It wouldn't happen in Asia, where many leaders consult astrologers, mystics and even ghostbusters as a matter of routine.

Opponents plotting the downfall of Thailand's Prime Minister didn't waste time attacking Prem Tinsulanonda's policies. They looked at the stars instead.

So did Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India, desperate for an end to the worst drought of the century, and Taiwan officials contemplating the best day to bury the late President Chiang Ching-kuo.

Politicians here are not embarrassed by the occult. Heavenly, spiritual and supernatural influences are strongly embedded in the cultures.

Steeped in Javanese mysticism, President Suharto regularly confers with "dukuns," or Indonesian mystics, and even allowed one to live in the presidential palace.

Denied Reagan has denied ever being influenced by stellar bodies. But if it is true, as a new book by former White House Chief of Staff Donald Reagan indicates, that Mrs. Reagan used horoscopes and astrology to influence her husband's schedules, she has plenty of distinguished company.

Indira Gandhi was notorious for consulting astrologers on matters of state. Other Indian prime ministers such as Moraji Desai and Charan Singh also held court with their private star-gazers. Rajiv Gandhi recently shed his professed secularism and participated in a ceremony invoking rain for lands parched by drought.

"It's part of our ethos, and though many realize that 50 per

cent of the predictions may not come true, they still have faith," said Indian opposition leader A.B. Vajpayee.

"The most common question politicians ask is how long they will hold office," said astrologer O.T. Ojha, who has an office in a five-star New Delhi hotel.

"If they think their political clout is waning, they invariably ask how to pacify the stars to get it back."

Another stargazer waved at calling cards under his glass desktop from senior officials and members of parliament.

The stars' omens are also employed in attempts to topple others. Convinced of Prem's superstitious inclinations, Thai opposition leaders hired astrologers to study the prime minister's horoscope.

On April 15 at precisely 10:42 am, the moment dictated by the stars as Prem's most vulnerable, a no-confidence motion was submitted in parliament against the prime minister.

Within two weeks, 16 cabinet members resigned. Prem dissolved parliament and called for elections July 24, two years before his normal term of office ends.

Malaysians shun astrologers as anti-Muslim, frequently placing their faith instead in "bomohs," traditional witch doctors and counsellors particularly helpful in their modern role as ghostbusters.

Bomohs are routinely summoned to make sure buildings housing political parties or catering to political functions are free of evil spirits. When the leading Chinese party had a run of bad luck, a bomoh discovered the symbolic carved lions guarding the entrance to the headquarters were to blame. They were incorrectly placed.

Supporters of Prime Minister Mahatir Mohamad sought the help of bomohs during party leadership elections.

Protests in Turkey

Freedom of expression still a battleground

By Hugh Pope

ISTANBUL, (Reuters): In a shabby Istanbul courtroom, magazine editor Fatma Yazici faces the judges with practised ease. It's almost her second job. "I spend more time fighting my 18 court cases than at my desk. Some days it's really nine-to-five work," she confided with a smile despite the threat of big fines and a jail term.

As responsible editor for the left-wing Ikibne Dogru (towards the year 2,000) magazine, Yazici is on the front line of along campaign for freedom of expression in Turkey. She was sentenced to 16 months in prison on Thursday for insulting President Kenan Evren but said she had appealed — her third prison conviction now before the Supreme Court.

Campus demonstrations, illegal union action, protests by politicians and even prison hunger-strikes are usually partly rooted in dozens of laws restricting what Turks can say or do.

Destroyed Courts have ordered two books to be destroyed this year and a film was banned on religious grounds. But the most public field of battle is the garish colour pages of the Istanbul press, Turkey's main source of non-state views.

Peter Galliner, director of the watchdog International Press Institute (IPI) which is currently

meeting in Istanbul, said some aspects of press freedom had improved since 1980-83 when Turkey was ruled by the military.

"One finds more critical articles... many taboos are no longer taboos," he told Reuters. "But you have still got a press legislation which is a threat to all newspapers."

At issue are the 1982 constitution and 1983 press law, drawn up under military rule, and a 1986 harmful publications law that went into force under the present centre-right Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

Many of these are incompatible with Turkey's wish for full membership of the European Economic Community — "even caricatures of the president are technically a crime," said one diplomat.

Free "Despite the restrictive legal framework, things are much more free compared to the military regime," said Hasan Cemal, editor of the left-wing Cumhuriyet newspaper.

But Cemal told Reuters the democratic standards were a long way from those set in Europe.

Ozal, who won parliamentary elections in 1983 and 1987, dismisses any charges that he opposes press freedom, quoting press attacks on the government and insults made against him.

Ozal says the 1986 publications law, as well as an attempt to

legislate penalties for "false news" this year and stiff draft libel and secrecy laws, are needed to check press irresponsibility.

A statement by the executive board of the Turkish Union of Journalists condemned what it called Ozal's intimidation of the press, "totally disregarding the right to be informed."

But the laws are not the whole story, editors say.

Nazli Ilıcak said heavy state financial pressure forced her to stop writing politically critical columns in the right-wing daily Tercuman last year.

"When Ozal is strong he wants to kill the press. His mentality is not democratic at all," she told Reuters.

Punish Ilıcak said state companies withdrawing advertising, newspaper price rises, loan pressure by state banks, heavy newspaper penalties and bureaucratic obstruction were all used to punish — and reversed to reward.

When Ozal's wife Semra launched her own weekly newspaper "Turkish Woman" in May, two state banks took out the only two full-page advertisements.

"We have many freedoms, but economic punishment is hard. We have responsibilities for our workforce," Ilıcak said.

Ozal defused criticism of state Turkish Radio and Television (TRT) news by appointing a new director, Cem Duna, who increased coverage of the opposi-

tion. But political debate remains taboo.

Only one Turkish broadcast medium is not controlled by the TRT monopoly — police force FM Radio, a music station where the only news is about city traffic.

Other typical restrictions in Turkey are that students may not read Voltaire, playwrights may not see Exile's by James Joyce, cinema may not show films by Turkey's best-known film-maker Yilmaz Guney, and communism is banned.

"There are always ways to express yourself," veteran film director Atif Yilmaz told Reuters. "But because of constant self-censorship we have forgotten how to think freely."

Films

A record 180 films were made in Turkey last year — mostly untouched by censors — amid a boom in videos and cinema-going and increased screenings of high-quality new foreign films.

But censors' scissors still make nonsense of some foreign film plots and threats to cut erotic scenes caused organisers to withdraw four films from Istanbul's film festival.

For the press, the most sensitive subjects are Islam, the founder of the Turkish republic, Kemal Ataturk and Kurds — a minority of eight million in Turkey whose language is officially banned.



Turkish artist Bedri Baykam puts his 'book burning machine' through its paces at his latest show, which mocks and protests Turkey's strict press and publication laws. Turkish courts have ordered two books destroyed this year. (Reuters wirephoto)

Awad's strategy of strikes fuels uprisings

By G.G. Labella

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): Mubarak Awad, the Palestinian-born American whom Israel wants to deport as a danger to the state, seems at first glance the kind of man that Israeli government might want to encourage as a Palestinian leader.

In a country where Palestinians' anger often erupts in stone throwing or gunfire, Awad has called for his fellow Arabs to use non-violent means to express their longing for a homeland.

Awad, 44, is founder of the Palestinian Centre for the study of non-violence and says his ideas come from the passive resistance of Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Indian leader known as the "Mahatma," or "great soul."

Awad's gentle manner adds to the impression of him as an advocate of peace. One friend commented that the soft-spoken Awad must have been very good at what he did for years: counselling juvenile delinquents in Ohio.

But Awad's strategy of strikes, boycotts and non-cooperation have done much to fuel the

Palestinian Gandhi



Mubarak Awad current Palestinian uprising. He also has made clear that, like armed PLO commandos, he wants an independent Palestine.

"Non-violent struggle continues to offer Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, and excellent opportunity to struggle toward liberation," he recently wrote.

Awad, for all his advocacy of non-violence, also has not gone out of his way to condemn Palestinian commandos. Asked recently about his thoughts on Pal-

estinian fighters, he replied:

"They have the right. If they think they can achieve things with guns, that is up to them. I cannot achieve things with guns. I don't think it achieves anything."

Violence

An Israeli statement accuses Awad of encouraging civil disobedience — which he has advocated — but also of helping prepare leaflets that call for violence against Israel.

Awad's wife, Nancy Nye from Wilmington, Ohio, denies her husband authored such leaflets and insists he does not want to destroy Israel. But she added: "No matter where he is, he will be working for Palestinian independence."

Awad was born in the United States, but his whole life seems wrapped up in the Palestinian cause. He was born in Jerusalem in 1943, before the creation of Israel.

Ms. Nye said Awad's father was shot to death in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war when he left the

Glasnost in Bulgaria

Gorbachev's ideal test case in E. Europe

By William Echikson

SOFIA, Bulgaria: By most measurements, Bulgaria should be Mikhail Gorbachev's ideal test case in Eastern Europe.

Unlike other Soviet allies, Bulgarians have few anti-communist hangups. There is no divisive Polish church, no angry Czechoslovak memories of a Soviet invasion, no Hungarian market-oriented economic experiment.

Bulgarians like their Russian Big Brother. The two peoples share the Orthodox Church and the Cyrillic alphabet. Russian troops liberated Bulgaria from 500 years of Turkish rule, and Bulgaria's communist leader, Todor Zhivkov, is fond of saying that "the Soviet Union and Bulgaria are one organism, breathing with the same lungs."

But when the Bulgarians tried to carry out perestroika (restructuring) and glasnost (openness), Gorbachev stepped in and slowed them down. Last October, the Soviet leader summoned Zhivkov to Moscow for an unscheduled meeting. A Tass communique afterward warned that "it is impossible to do everything in one go," and added, "the party is the only guarantee of restructuring."

The Bulgarians listened — and put on the brakes. At a Communist Party conference last month to discuss reforms, officials struck a new tone of caution and retrenchment. Key changes would not be introduced before 1991, they indicated.

Change "A new model of socialism" can only be constructed "stage by stage," insisted Yordan Yotov, Politburo member and chief party ideologue. "People who have grown up in our economy for 40 years cannot change overnight."

The abrupt slowdown shows the difficulties that East European communists face as they try to overhaul their systems. It wasn't just that Bulgarian-style perestroika caused production breakdowns in factories, confused bureaucrats, and puzzled journalists.

What worried Moscow most were hints that the Bulgarian plans might weaken Communist Party dominance. Gorbachev wants better economic performance from his allies. But he is not willing to risk political upheaval or reduce the party's leading role in setting policy.

"The party must remain the crack force of the restructuring effort," Politburo member Chudomir Aleksandrov said to the press in January. "It should lead the way but if it sees the masses lagging behind, then it should stop and wait."

Initial Bulgarian reform plans suggested the party was prepared to race ahead. Last summer, the party leadership abruptly dissolved key economic ministries, reduced the number of regional administrative districts from 28 to nine, and called for multiple-candidate elections for local officials and factory managers.

Credit Company managers were told to take over from the bureaucrats. Instead of being subsidised by a generous central bank, the newly autonomous managers were told to get credit from nine competing commercial banks and to prove their worth by earning profits — or going bankrupt.

The result was chaos, not greater efficiency. Since 80 per cent of Bulgaria's current trade remains within the Soviet bloc, even the best managers had little room for manoeuvre to seek lucrative Western markets.

Frightened managers refused to take initiatives. At the Sadova Agricultural Cooperative, director Konstantine Ouchev acceded to a demand by the authorities to "decentralise" his operations by simply having some of his assistants switch offices with other assistants. When asked to take charge of organising his own exports, Ouchev refused.

Managers scuttled other ideas, including multiple-candidate elections. No one contested last year's reelection of Ivan Agaim, director of Sofia's Institute of Pharmaceutical and Chemical Research for the past 15 years. Not even all workers were all-

owed to vote. "A cleaning woman should not vote for director," he said. "She doesn't have the necessary qualities."

Even as these problems surfaced, the mass media failed to clear up the confusion. Late last year, authorities encouraged more critical reporting. But as soon as Bulgarian TV began singling out cases of mismanagement, it came under fire from the party daily Rabotnichesko Delo.

Journalists "can't just criticise," explains Dimitar Deliski, the paper's deputy editor in chief. "We must verify and be constructive."

True glasnost in Bulgaria

could pose a special threat to the present leadership. Party leader Zhivkov is 76 and has been in power for 33 years. As with other older East European leaders, truthful discussion of the past translates into a discussion of the failures of his long rule.

At the January conference, Zhivkov suggested injecting competition into the system by limiting party leaders and factory managers to serving a maximum of two terms. But Boyan Trekov, head of the official BTA News Agency, insisted that this rule would begin to apply to Zhivkov himself only after 1990.

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Takeshita trying to be himself

By Steven K. Paulson

TOKYO, (AP): In the short six months Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita has been in office, he has weathered two political crises, solved at least one major trade issue and visited half a dozen countries.

On the other hand, trade disputes with the United States and Europe linger. Takeshita faces a long-wangle overtax reform and hasn't been able to break out of the mold established by his predecessor, Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Takeshita's critics call his adherence to Nakasone's policies his one failure. But an admirer like Seizhuo Sato, an adviser to the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, said this is natural because Takeshita was devoted to the policies as Nakasone's finance minister.

"Takeshita occupied many important positions in the cabinet and the party, and he is committed to the policies of Nakasone," Sato said.

But there are signs that Takeshita finally is breaking off on his own.

Shiratori, professor of political science at Tokai University.

To build up his international reputation, Takeshita, 64, has undertaken an ambitious schedule of trips abroad. His political backers have also issued booklets in five languages, describing Takeshita and his accomplishments.

Shortly after taking office in October, Takeshita flew to the summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Manila, to Washington and Canada for meetings with US President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. In February, he went to South Korea for the inauguration of President Roh Tae-Woo. At the end of April, he went to Europe for meetings with the leaders of Italy, Britain and West Germany.

Visit

In June, Takeshita plans to visit the United Nations in New York for the General Assembly meeting on disarmament. Later in the month he will attend the Toronto summit meeting of Western leaders. In July he will visit Australia and New Zealand, and at the end of August he plans to visit China.

France regarded as an intruder

Losing friends in South Pacific

By Richard Bill

SYDNEY, Australia, (AP): France, long regarded by South Pacific nations as an intruder, has strained relations in this part of the world with its daring hostage rescue mission in New Caledonia that left 19 Melanesians dead.

Pacific region leaders have criticised Thursday's operation in the French territory, in which gendarmes rescued 23 French hostages being held by Melanesian separatists, killing 19 separatists and two police.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke called on France to begin serious discussions with the separatists about their demands for independence.

"It's a tragedy that so many people have died," he said. "They'll never resolve the future of New Caledonia in this way. It's disastrous that the deaths have occurred."

In Papua New Guinea, with a Melanesian population of 3.3 million, Prime Minister Pias Wingti immediately called for an urgent meeting of South Pacific foreign ministers to discuss a plan of action.

Genocide Wingti accused France of committing genocide in New Caledonia by Thursday's rescue operation and said France was provoking a bloodbath in the Pacific region.

In Vanuatu, formerly the Anglo-French colony of New Hebrides, Prime Minister Walter Lini accused the French of playing "political football."

Fiji, the centre of regional concern following two coups last year, refrained from public comment. But the sympathies of Fiji, whose native people also are Melanesian, are known to lie with the separatists.

Other countries stayed mute, leaving it to regional leaders — Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea — to condemn the anti-terrorist action.

France already is unpopular for its underground nuclear testing on Mururoa Atoll, the French Polynesia, and the 1985 bombing of the Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior in New Zealand. The sabotage, which killed a crew member, was orchestrated by French secret service agents and stopped

Greenpeace's plan to lead a protest flotilla to Mururoa. Other nations in the region have declared the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone. But France continues to detonate underground nuclear tests, some 85 at least.

The Rainbow Warrior bombing, which caused a serious diplomatic rift between anti-nuclear New Zealand and France, was worsened by Friday's announcement that the last of the two saboteurs was being repatriated to France ahead of her scheduled release from exile on Hao Atoll.

New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange, fighting a long war with the United States over his decision to ban visits by ships capable of carrying nuclear weapons, expressed outrage at France's decision to fly Dominique Prieur back to France in time for Sunday's presidential election.

Lange, who eventually won an unprecedented apology from France as well as compensation, accused France of flouting international law and vowed to raise the matter with French authorities after the elections.

New Zealand already was annoyed by France's repatriation five months ago of the other saboteur, Maj. Alain Mafart. Both were members of the French secret service and sentenced to 10 years in prison on charges of manslaughter. Their terms were commuted under a UN-sponsored agreement on condition they remain on Hao Atoll until 1989.

France, in turn, has told Australia to settle its own problems with minority aborigines instead of complaining about New Caledonia. France's largest overseas territory. The islands have been under direct French rule since 1853.

Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden has said that relations with France are good, aside from the nuclear testing issue and New Caledonia.

The Sydney Morning Herald on Saturday said the events in New Caledonia are certain to produce a Pacific backlash.

In an accompanying editorial, the newspaper said the New Caledonia rescue "could ignite a prolonged, if low-level, guerrilla campaign by Kanaks."

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1507 — France annexes Genoa in Italy.
- 1745 — French under Marshal Saxe defeat English at Fontenoy and conquer Austrian Netherlands.
- 1812 — Britain's Tory premier Spencer Perceval is assassinated in House of Commons.
- 1824 — British forces take Rangoon in Burma.
- 1878 — Radicals attempt to assassinate Germany's emperor William I.
- 1943 — US forces land at Attu in Aleutian Islands in World War II. It is first American territory regained from Japan.
- 1949 — Israel is admitted to United Nations. Siam changes name to Thailand.
- 1971 — Temples at Angkor Wat are damaged by artillery fire in fighting between Cambodian government and communist forces.
- 1973 — Lower house of West German legislature ratifies treaty establishing formal relations between the two halves of divided Germany.
- 1975 — Laos Premier Souvanna Phouma virtually concedes communist victory in his country.
- 1987 — Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government imposes direct federal control on Punjab state due to continued violence by Sikh separatists.



Malign menace since 1492?

# Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle

By Rupert Butler

THE look-out aboard the Norwegian ship peered through the early dawn at the low-flying aircraft—circling 300 miles north of Bermuda. It was shrouded in darkness, was well off any normally-accepted flight route and was being driven by persistently heavy winds.

Precisely what this aircraft was doing and where it was bound has never been established for after that sighting on a cold February morning in 1948 it vanished totally.

It is widely accepted that the aircraft was the Avro Tudor Star Tiger, pride of a new transatlantic air service from Lisbon to Cuba via the Azores and Bermuda.

If that sighting was indeed of the Star Tiger, this only serves to deepen one of the most sensational air and sea mysteries of all time. For the blunt truth is that somewhere over the Atlantic, aircraft literally vanished off the face of the earth—not a trace of wreckage, not a patch of oil, not a dingy, not a single body ever found.

Just what did happen to Star Tiger and her five crew members? All that can be said for certain is that the aircraft flew into what many regarded as the most frightening and dangerous stretch of ocean between Florida and the Bahamas—a chain of islands that begins a mere 30 miles off the coast of Florida. The area stretches from the Gulf of Mexico to the Leeward Islands, veers north off Bermuda then strikes south of Florida. It has become known in popular mythology as the Bermuda Triangle.

This is a zone where stretch back to 1945, if not earlier, hundreds of ships and aircraft have vanished completely, leaving not a single trace of life and where not even a hint of an

The sea opened up ... and the plane flew straight into it. An evil spirit at work? or the result of repeated freaks of nature? Ever since Christopher Columbus ventured to the New World, man has been intrigued by mysterious Bermuda Triangle.

oil slick has provided evidence of disaster. In addition, between 1974 and 1976, more than 600 yachts and pleasure boats disappeared without trace off the Florida coast. A large percentage of them had ventured into the zone of the Triangle, also known as the Triangle of Death.

The incident which gave the Bermuda Triangle its name occurred on December 5, 1945, with the disappearance of six navy aircraft and their crews. The first five aircraft that vanished, apparently simultaneously, were on a routine training mission with a flight path tailored to follow a triangular flight pattern. This started at the Naval Air Station at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, then went 160 miles to the east, 40 miles to the north, and then back to base following a northern course. The apex of the triangular flight plan from Fort Lauderdale was in direct line with Bermuda.

Flight 19 was the designation of the group of Navy Grumman TBM-3 Avenger torpedo bombers which arrowed out from their Fort Lauderdale base on that December afternoon. They were manned by five officer pilots and nine enlisted crew members. Each craft carried enough fuel for 1,000 miles of cruising. The temperature was 65 deg F (19 deg C) and the sunny weather was ideal.

There was no reason why they should not have been a trouble-free mission.

At around 3.15 pm, after the main part of the exercise had been accomplished and the aircraft had continued east, the radioman at the Fort Lauderdale naval air station tower, who had expected information from the aircraft as to their estimated time of arrival and landing instructions, received an unusual message from the flight leader:

"Lieutenant Charles Taylor calling tower. This is an emergency. We seem to be off course. We cannot see land. Repeat. We cannot see land."

Tower: "What is your position?"

Flight leader: "We are not sure of our position. We cannot be sure just where we are. We seem to be lost. Everything is wrong. Strange. We can't be sure of any direction—even the ocean doesn't look as it should."

## Failed

Shortly after that communication ceased and was never restored. A rescue aircraft, a giant Martin Mariner flying boat, was sent to the plotted area of the last patrol but it also disappeared. One of the biggest searches in aviation history went on for five days. No trace of the six missing aircraft was ever found.

After a long investigation, the US Navy found itself more confused than when the enquiry opened. As one naval officer put it: "They vanished as completely as if they had flown to Mars."

Clearly, Lieutenant Taylor's compasses had failed. The one radio channel needed by the senior flight instructor at Fort Lauderdale to maintain communication had failed. And the teletype system at ground control had also failed.

For one of these systems to malfunction would have been understandable but not all of them simultaneously.

Many students of the phenomenon of the Bermuda Triangle hold that it has been a malign menace at least since September 1492, the month that Christopher Columbus was at sea sailing with three small ships, Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria—and 90 men.

Columbus had set sail from the Canary Islands making for the island he was to call San Salvador and which is generally held to be Watling Island in Bermuda.

On Friday September 13, Columbus noticed that his compass needle no longer pointed directly towards the north star but instead about six degrees to the northwest. As the days passed, he watched the compass needle more progressively further away from the north star. Two days later, Columbus and his men saw patches of seaweed which they took to be an indication of approaching land.

But there was no land, only a vast emptiness with the silence suddenly violated by "a great flame of fire" which was seen to fall into the sea. This had been thought by succeeding generations to have been nothing more, remarkable than a meteor, but modern mariners have reported similar fireballs in the Bermuda Triangle and their descriptions have not fitted those of meteors.

At about midnight on October 11, Columbus claimed to see another light on the horizon which vanished before anyone else could witness it. A few hours later, Columbus and his ships put down on a small expanse of land.

## Strange

The origin of the strange light was never discovered but it remains one of the early mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle.

Among disappearances of American Navy vessels within the Triangle, few rival in mystery the fate of the USS Cyclops on March 4, 1918, en route from Barbados to Norfolk, Virginia.

Since war was raging, it was first thought that the Cyclops, a coal supply ship, had either struck a mine, encountered a German submarine or surface raider or even fallen victim of a mutiny.

Why had the Cyclops, on leaving abruptly, turned south instead of north to its announced destination and abruptly vanished?

Eventual examination of German naval records showed that there had been no German submarines or mines traced at the time of the weird movements of the Cyclops.

Following the losses of Star Tiger and the Torpedo bombers, historians began to take a closer look at Bermuda, seeking to chart its undeniably evil reputation. They turned up hitherto undiscovered records of vanished ships.

The 300-foot Costa Rican freighter Sandra and her crew of 28 sailed in June 1950 from Savannah, Georgia, through the tropic dusk and peaceful weather to Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. The vessel hugged the Florida coastline and its look-outs were able comfortably to see the reassuring lights of cities. Rescue, if needed, should have presented no problem. Nevertheless, the

Sandra slipped through harmless placid seas and vanished.

It was the turn in 1974 of the Cunard liner QE2 to experience something of the Bermuda Triangle mystery.

During a voyage within the triangle during April, the liner's boilers suddenly and unaccountably failed. There was an interruption of electrical power and several other mechanical failures. The liner's image disappeared from the radar screen of a nearby coast guard vessel, even though the liner could still be seen by coast guards.

In addition, one of the crew claimed to have seen an aircraft flying directly at the luxury liner. Suddenly, the plane plunged into the sea close to it. The sea opened to receive it—there was no noise, wreckage or oil.

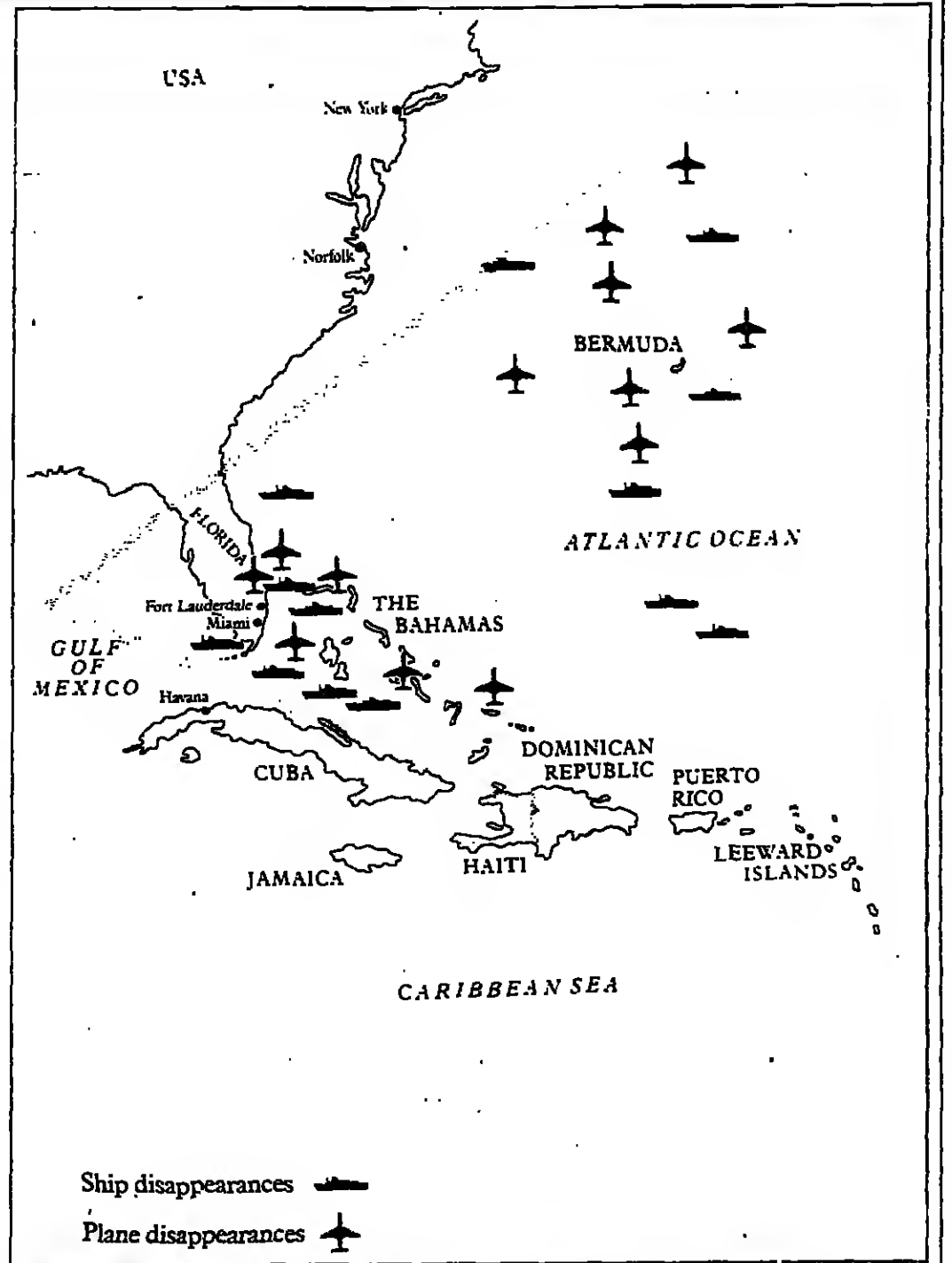
Just what is the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle? The US Federal Aviation Administration, which compiled a special analysis in 1975, remains blunt. A spokesman says: "There is no mystery. It is well known that in this area especially benign weather can change radically with cyclical storms capable of ripping wings off planes."

The area is also characterised by ocean currents, including the Gulf Stream, that can carry floating wreckage or air-men miles away from the scene of a crash, frustrating search and rescue.

That explains why there have been incidents of ships and aircraft vanishing seemingly without trace.

Scientists have pointed out that the earth is a magnetic field due to movements in its molten iron core. Such an "earthquake" of magnetic activity could, it is argued, cause compasses to spin—rather as if a huge magnetic meteor was racing up from the earth's centre. On the sea it would produce violent turbulence.

But does this mean that all the disappearances over or in the Bermuda Triangle should be put down to freaks of



Triangle of fear: A map of the Bermuda Triangle with the disappearances of known ships and planes plotted on it.

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## Sean Connery takes a swipe at the Hollywood establishment

## Beware! this Oscar-winner bites back

By Jane Fletcher

IT was a tough line worthy of 007 James Bond himself. Veteran actor and box-office magician Sean Connery accepted the Oscar for which he had waited 30 nail-biting years and said tartly: "Patience is a virtue."

Some of the stuffed-shirt Hollywood establishment may have choked on their martinis. Others may have made a note in their little black books. But big, bearded Sean was used to all that. Slightly battle-weary, in fact.

The 57-year-old actor strode on to the stage of the glitzy Academy Awards ceremony to accept the Best Supporting Actor Award for his role as veteran cop Jim Malone in the hit movie, *The Untouchables*.

And as he savoured the moment of triumph, Sean the rebel couldn't resist another left hook to those stuffed shirts. Clutching the Oscar to his chest, he announced: "Good evening members of the Academy, friends and some enemies. I consider myself a Hollywood outsider. I am British. I haven't done mainstream Hollywood pictures and I haven't socialised with the 'in crowd'."

A pretty courageous speech amid the back-scratching and traditional words of the movie world's greatest event. But, although Sean was one of the most popular and charismatic of actors to play 007, in real life he had no time for make-believe. Over the years, he has acquired a reputation as a likeable but hard-hitting, no-nonsense man who does not tolerate fools.

Once, when he felt he had been cheated over film profits, he sued. This is considered the unforgivable sin by many of the fat-cigar brigade. At the Oscar ceremony, he called for an end to the writers' strike in the United States. And Sean caused a stir again recently at the British 'Oscars' when he attacked the industry for its apparent lack of interest in new talent.

He said later: "It's a sheer waste. We have all this brilliance in Britain, with the quality of technical achievement and direction you won't see anywhere in the world. Yet we are putting the brakes on it."

"I would like a special department set up for the film industry in this country. I have made

It took retired 007 Sean Connery 30 frustrating years to lay his hands on an Academy Award. And, at the moment of triumph, he floored his Hollywood enemies with a few well-chosen words



Connery in his Oscar-winning role as Jim Malone in *The Untouchables*.

a few overtures myself, but with no success."

He has written sackloads of letters to British politicians and financiers, asking for support and he is determined to do battle, even if it makes him enemies in the movie world.

Having just playing tough Irish cop Malone, alongside Kevin Costner in *The Untouchables*, Sean is in the right frame of mind for taking on adversaries. Yet there is one fight that almost caught him flat-footed... the dreaded battle of the bulge.

Sean's rugged 6 ft. 3 in (2.05 m) frame, which had once made him the screen's sexiest secret agent, had ballooned by two stone (12.6 kg). Sean had to slim down to his ideal weight of 14 st. 13 lb (96 kg) with a combination of dieting and punishing exercise.

It was a tough assignment, even for a retired 007. He said: "There were times during the

filming of the *Untouchables* when I wondered whether it was all worth it. It was a tremendous test for a man of my age. It's bloody hard work to get that fit."

Each morning, he visited a gym near his home in Malibu for a gruelling 90-minute workout, which would have had even 007 choking on his martini.

Sean also did all his own stunts in the film, which sees Malone take on legendary racketeer Al Capone, played by Robert de Niro. This wasn't a vain attempt to rival his younger, fitter co-stars, but Sean's way of achieving his most realistic performance.

He is no stranger to suffering for his art. When Sean played sleuthing monk William de Baskerville in the hit movie, *The Name of the Rose*, he endured freezing weeks of misery in a 14th-century German

monastery.

"It was the most difficult film I've ever had to make. I've never been so cold in my life," Sean recalled with a rueful smile. "My feet were like solid lumps of ice, with open-topped sandals. Then they would shave my beard everyday on top and around the ears. Amazing — after all my years wearing toupees!"

And in the interests of authenticity, the man who used to be surrounded by beautiful Bond girls, had to share the set with a hoard of hungry rats. Sean explained: "All the rats you see underfoot are real. They had them ready in polythene bags, hundreds of them. I was walking on a carpet of rats. I killed about 15 of them in my sandals and bare feet. I was sorry about that, but there was nothing I could do about it."

His award-winning roles in both *The Untouchables* and *The Name of the Rose* — which won him a British 'Oscar' — are proof that Sean has at least exorcised the ghost of Bond.

He made a record-breaking seven movies as Ian Fleming's heroic secret agent. He was cast in *Dr No*, the first Bond movie in 1962, opposite Ursula Andress. That is when he uttered the immortal words: "My name is Bond, James Bond."

Yet in true Hollywood dramatic tradition, Sean almost lost the part. When the American film company backing the project learned that he was the proposed leading man, they cabled London: "See if you can do better."

## Change

But the tycoons soon had a change of heart when they saw how Sean brought the derring-do character to life. His rugged good looks and disarming smile made him a box-office winner and *Bondmania* swept the world.

After a string of money-spinning movies — like *Goldfinger*, *You Only Live Twice* and *Diamonds are Forever* — Sean retired from *Bondage*. But in the early eighties, he returned to the agonies and sexy ecstasies in *Never Say Never Again*. Then Sean hung up his gun forever and turned to other film projects.

But although Sean has now achieved recognition for more serious roles, he doesn't look down his famous nose at the days when he was licensed to thrill.

He explained: "I have no regrets about having done the Bond pictures and I don't regret giving up Bond. Other people said I was crazy but I've always thought that to quit was right for me."

"I don't think any role changes a man quite so much as Bond. It's a cross, a privilege, a joke, a challenge... and as intrusive as a nightmare. I had to do what I wanted to do and go where I wanted to go."

In his private life, Sean has found happiness with his second wife, Micheline. She is a vivacious French/Italian beauty who, thankfully, shares her husband's great passion for golf. The couple met at a tournament and now make frequent trips from their homes in Marbella, California, the Bahamas and the South of France to golf courses in Sean's beloved Scotland.

The superstar, who names fellow Brit Michael Caine as one of his closest friends, now enjoys a luxurious lifestyle. But he has never forgotten his impoverished childhood in Edinburgh where he once posed nude at an art college for much-needed money.

Later, Sean worked through an assortment of jobs — bricklayer, lifeguard, even coffin

polisher. At 20, he packed his

shorts and went to London as a contestant in the Mr Universe competition. Sean didn't win, but his public exposure landed him a part in the chorus of *South Pacific*. He took several small film roles until he met his destiny and Bond producer Cubby Broccoli. The rest is history.

Sean Connery (left) with Audrey Hepburn in the film *Robin and Marian*



Connery pictured with his ex-wife Diane Cilento, and son Jason, who is now following his father in the movies.

But Sean has never forgotten to pay his dues. He has helped newcomers by investing phenomenal sums of money in the Scottish Educational Trust, which he set up with some friends. The idea is to encourage new talent.

He asked simply: "Why not improve the quality of life in the place? The Trust supports people who find they have talent but no outlet for it. The proceeds from any television interviews I do go to the Trust."

No publicity-seeking this. For Sean is a caring, private man who dislikes Hollywood's champagne set. He once took his wife, his son Jason — from his first marriage to actress Diane Cilento — and stepson Stefan back to his native Scotland to see the poverty there.

He said: "My problem was poverty. My boys' problem is being the sons of a film star. It is something they will have to negotiate and learn to handle."

"I thought seeing my birthplace Scotland would explain to them something of my own attitudes and behaviour. Why I am the one who turns off the light when it is being wasted and why I clean my own golf clubs."

Sean's care and attention to finance extends to his business affairs, too. He fought bloody legal battles over money. Now a team of accountants and lawyers look after his interests, freeing him to do what he does best — make movies.

He says he is "much too old" for Bond's outrageous antics. But several other projects are in the pipeline. Sean may even play the role of Indiana Jones's father.

Meanwhile, Sean Connery is taking his own advice. He has warned his actor son, Jason: "Watch out for the sharks." And, in the Hollywood ocean, they are steering clear of the Oscar-winner who bites back.

## Sophia's favourite role is playing mother

By Ronald Clarke

LOS ANGELES. (Reuters): Sophia Loren, who grew up in films playing fiery peasant mistresses and voluptuous Italian heroines, says her favourite role is as a mother.

"Playing a mother gives you such a range of emotions, such shades of feeling. Mothers produce wonderful parts," she said.

The character of a mother fits me like a glove," she said. "An actress cannot ask for more."

Loren ages from 30 to 65 as she portrays an Italian mother struggling to bring up her family in the 6-hour TV epic *The Fortunate Pilgrim*.

Studio officials said make-up experts had a harder job making Loren look 65 at the end of the film than a young 30.

"My own family comes first and then acting is my life," said Loren, still glamorous at 53. "I would not know what to do with myself if I was not acting. I get so much satisfaction, so much of a wonderful feeling from what I do."

Loren first read *The Fortunate Pilgrim*, by the author of *The Godfather*, 15 years ago.

"The book had a big impact on me," she recalled. "Bring the mother of two sons, I can identify with the joy and pain the book's mother, Mama Lucia, felt for her children. She always wanted to do the best for her family."

"But I felt I needed more than a two-hour film to develop the character. I suggested to Puzo we turn the idea into a television mini-series and he agreed," Loren said.

One problem in filming the series was to recreate a New York street with a railway at the



Sophia Loren ages from 30 to 65 as she portrays an Italian mother struggling to bring up her family in the 6-hour TV epic *The Fortunate Pilgrim*.

turn of this century. Tenth Avenue was recreated in the Yugoslav town of Pachevco, outside Belgrade, which has a working railway with steam engines.

Loren is no stranger to mother roles. She was nominated for an Academy award for playing one in *Marriage, Italian Style* and won an Oscar for portraying a mother in wartime Italy in *Two Women*.

"I think I can portray on the screen the inner feelings of being a mother," she said.

A beauty contest winner, Loren was working as a film extra when she was spotted by producer Carlo Ponti, now her husband. She has since appeared in 70 films.

After four miscarriages, she gave birth to Carlo, now 19, and Edoardo, 16.

She was living at her present home in Geneva when she was ordered by an Italian appeals court six years ago to serve a 30-day jail sentence for failing to pay taxes.

She voluntarily returned to Italy to serve her sentence, explaining: "I want to come home so I can see my mother, my sister, my friends, my country... my roots."

Of the jail sentence, she said.

"It was the ugliest experience of my life."

Loren said she may seek a comedy role in her next film. "I feel the time is right for something a little bit different."

She said she is hoping to team up once again with her frequent co-star, Marcello Mastroianni, who was nominated for an Oscar this year for *Dark Eyes*.

Asked if she was a fan of Mastroianni, Loren replied evenly, "We are fans of each other."

She said she keeps in shape by exercising for 40 minutes each day. "And that is all," she said. "I have no interest in playing golf, tennis or any other sport."

"I like to read and I like to write," she said. "But my family and my career take up every minute of my life."

She has written books, including *The Kitchen With Love and Women And Beauty*, and is considering writing a book for children.

"I am not a professional writer, but if you feel about something very much you can write about it," Loren said.

"For children, I would like to write fairy tales," she said. "I, too, like to dream."

By Aly Sujo

NEW YORK. (Reuters): Film-maker George Lucas has returned to his *Star Wars* theme of good triumphing over evil for his new film *Willow*, an adventure movie about a peace-loving dwarf.

It opens in the United States this month, almost exactly 11 years after *Star Wars* premiered.

The *Star Wars* trilogy raked in a reported four billion dollars, but the Lucas empire's next picture, *Howard The Duck*, was a box-office disappointment.

Now, from distributor MGM's offices in New York to Skywalker Ranch in northern California, members of Lucas's staff are hard at work to complete a movie they hope will wipe any remnant of egg from his face.

"We're really high on it," says MGM's Donna Dickman. "No one's seen the whole thing, but what we have seen is very, very exciting."

"George has returned to the theme of *Star Wars*," one of film's editors said. "That peo-

George Lucas comes down to earth

## From Star Wars to a peace-loving dwarf

ple who believe in the power to do good ultimately prevail."

Lucas has not directed since *Star Wars*, which had such an enormous success he was able to finance *The Empire Strikes Back* and use the profits from that film to build his \$10 million ranch.

He has also been active as executive producer of other projects as diverse as Akira Kurosawa's epic *Kagemusha* and Michael Jackson's 3-D short *Captain EO*, which can be seen only in Disneyland.

In the final weeks of post-production on *Willow*, directed by Ron Howard, technicians have been working in what some of them liken to a religious haze.

"It's like a seminary up there," one film editor said.

The 44-year-old Lucas is a follower of American philosopher Joseph Campbell, and is said to have taken a turn up the spiritual path after a serious car accident.

The *Star Wars* trilogy is considered a kind of mythological primer on Campbell's idealised primer of good and evil, and *Willow* is seen as continuing that lesson.

In a statement about his new film, Lucas said it is "about the importance of living a compassionate life as opposed to a passionate life. It's about love."

The \$35 million film was shot in England, New Zealand, on the Welsh moors and in northern California. An additional \$20 million has been budgeted for promotion, according to published reports.



Producer George Lucas (bearded) holds Dawn Downing and director Ron Howard (left) holds Mark Vande Brake amidst a crowd of little people hired for Lucas' new epic *Willow*.

More than 30 companies have signed up for licensing rights to *Willow* merchandise. Lucasfilm has received fees ranging from 100,000 to one million dollars for products such as interactive "Willow" software and dwarf-embossed underwear, according to published reports.

Jordan Harris of Virgin Records, has said he paid a six-figure advance for *Willow* soundtrack rights. He signed up on the basis of three minutes of footage he was shown months ago.

"It's enormously uplifting," Harris said. "And the score is orchestral and sweeping."

## Chinese film-makers break new ground in cinema

By Guy Dinmore

XIAN, China. (Reuters): China's new generation of film-makers is experimenting with ideas long considered taboo — sexuality, pacifism, capitalism.

This small group of directors, known as the "fifth generation", is discovering growing artistic freedom after years of being used as political tools.

But they are also finding acceptance at home more difficult than abroad.

Although the authorities have relinquished direct control over some film studios, they remain sole distributors to the world's biggest film-going public and so decide what is suitable for viewing.

China's most recent success was *Red Sorghum*, a film of poor peasant life during the Japanese occupation 50 years ago, which won the Golden Bear award at the Berlin Film Festival.

Its director, Zhang Yimou, told reporters last month that he saw growing artistic freedom in China.

"We were seen as a political tool," he said referring to campaigns of the past. But now the authorities respect artistic creation... if politics remain steady, China will have great developments in its film industry," he said.

But at home, the films have been labelled by some critics as "difficult" and "incomprehensible".

According to the official Peking Review weekly, all but half a dozen of one audience walked out of a showing of *King Of The Children*, the latest film by Chen Kaige, who directed the award-winning *Yellow Earth*.

"Your film is incomprehensible even for people with a high level of education. How can you expect the majority to enjoy it?" one viewer was quoted as saying.

Others are simply withheld from distribution, like *Pigeon Tree* by Wu Ziniu who expresses pacifist ideas in a film about China's brief war with Vietnam in 1979, or have to be revised like "they are young", a story of

life in the army by Zhou Xiaowen.

Artistic expression was virtually wiped out during Mao Tse-tung's 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, but with the present thaw young would-be directors have emerged from factories and villages where they were sent for re-education.

The "fifth generation", they have been encouraged by the Communist Party's search for new voices and have sidestepped the usually lengthy apprenticeship in an established studio.

As Wu Tianming, head of the celebrated Xian film studio, explained, the "fifth generation" was the first since the 1949 Communist victory to have access to the work of foreign directors like Fasshinder, Fellini, Bertolucci and Kurosawa.

Whereas the "fourth generation" of the early 1960s read ancient Chinese poems, their successors devoured the works of Sartre and Freud, whose approaches to the individual

were seen as vital to understanding their own chaotic experiences.

Sitting in his Spartan office, Wu described how the "fifth generation" wanted to reject dogma and restrictions and achieve a more natural and less didactic style.

Wu, who has headed the Xian studios in central China since 1984 and is seen as the guardian angel of the new generation, said he gave directors the freedom they wanted.

Colleagues said he attracted loyalty by rejecting all conventions, whether political or social.

When artists were threatened by the "anti-bourgeois liberalisation" campaign early last year, Wu said he refused to brook interference in the studio's affairs and denounced by name a provincial chief of propaganda who tried to assert political control over the studios.

Hanzhuangzhuang's *Horse Thief*, an expressionistic account of a man forced out of his Tibetan tribe, has sold only

seven copies in China but 20 abroad.

Young directors know that Chinese audiences are among the world's most conservative — woman director Shi Shunjun raised a storm trying to describe a young girl's attitude to sexuality in *Missing Girl Student*.

China has no system of rating films and no independent circuit to encourage avant-garde cinema as in the West.

But the young directors' biggest problem is money.

Their "quality" films rarely break even and have to be subsidised by Kung-fu movies.

Xian studios have enough funds to make only 10 films a year and only two or three are not pot-boilers.

Directors also have to double up as cameramen, assistant directors and actors.

Wu, who directed the acclaimed *Old Well*, a tale of illicit passion among peasant well-diggers, is too busy running his studios but next year, he says, he will make a film of imagination.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Gulf American businessmen try to strengthen US-Arab trade relations

WASHINGTON, May 10, (Kuna) A 17-member delegation of American businessmen from the Arabian Gulf region yesterday began calling on members of Congress and the government to stress the importance of the American overseas community in the region and present their views on strengthening America's overall trade performance with the Arab world.

The delegation includes members of American Businessmen's Associations in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE and represents similar groups in Oman, Bahrain, and Qatar.

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is America's sixth largest trading partner, buying about \$5 billion worth of American merchandise a year while supplying mainly oil to the US.

Presently, more than 700 American-affiliated companies maintain a presence in the GCC states, employing some 16,000 Americans. Many of these American employees live in the Gulf with their families.

The delegation of American Businessmen's Association is visiting Washington under the sponsorship of the US Chamber of Commerce in association with the National Council of US-Arab Relations.

During their weeklong visit to the capital, the team plans to present a strong pro-American case against erecting trade barriers with the Arab world and for eliminating current disincentives to US business abroad at a time when the US has a huge trade deficit, is in desperate need of export stimulation.

The spokesman estimates that there are about 50,000 civilian Americans living and working in the GCC countries.

**IMF cuts off Somalia from credit**

WASHINGTON, May 10, (Kuna) The International Monetary Fund has cut off Somalia from further credit because of unpaid debts.

A Monday announcement from IMF headquarters said the East African country's "overdue financial obligations to the fund" as of last Friday totalled approximately \$36.1 million.

Somalia lacks natural resources and its economy depends on livestock and agriculture, despite little rainfall.

## Overall loans to private sector on the rise

# Kuwait banks show modest recovery

A GOVERNMENT rescue scheme nursed Kuwaiti banks to a modest recovery last year despite an escalation in the Iran-Iraq war and lingering recession caused by falling oil income.

Bankers and officials in the country say they are nearing the end of a clean-up of bad debt that has sapped bank profits since the 1982 collapse in world oil prices and crash of the local 'Souk Al Manakh' stock market.

"The problem of Al Manakh is 95 per cent behind us," said Saleh Al Falah, general manager of Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East. "This will be the year we can look to the future."

**Loans**  
The Central Bank puts non-performing loans at a huge KD 2.5 billion, the equivalent of \$9 billion and more than half total outstanding credits to the private sector.

A Central Bank hail-out unique in the Gulf has pumped between KD 500 and 60 million (\$1.8 to 2.2 billion) in low-interest and interest-free deposits into banks unable to

meet required loan loss provisions, bankers said.

The funds are linked to banks' progress in rescheduling debts over terms of up to 15 years.

**Profits**  
Largely as a result, all six Kuwaiti commercial banks reported higher 1987 profits despite a flare-up in the Iran-Iraq war.

Showing new-found confidence, some of the worst-hit banks announced cash dividends for the first time since 1984.

One of them, Burgan Bank, distributed its first cash dividend since 1980, when the outbreak of the Gulf war snuffed out Kuwait's lucrative re-export trade with Iran and Iraq.

Another, Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait, recently moved into a stunning new 18-storey headquarters overlooking the Gulf.

"I think now we have reached the bottom. If any way, it's going to be up. How strongly is anybody's guess," Gulf Bank Chief General Manager Yousef Al Awadi told Reuters.

He said he hoped his bank's biggest debt settlements would be finalised by the end of June. Cases for which there was no hope of recovery would be written off to the extent possible.

"We're planning for the bottom line (this year) to be better than 1987," he said.

Net profits at Gulf Bank, the second largest after National Bank of Kuwait (NBK), shot up 61 per cent last year to KD 7.1 million (\$26 million).

NBK, the only bank to cover loan loss provisions without government help, declared net profit of KD 26.7 million (\$97 million) and tucked away an equal amount into hidden reserves, bankers said, declared profits were 5.1 per cent higher than in 1986.

**Impact**  
Escalation of the war has had a negative impact on business confidence but has not led to a much-fearing outflow of funds.

"One would expect because of the war to see people take their money outside Kuwait. But we haven't seen anything like this,"

said Falah. Some say there has even been a limited repatriation of funds by clients hurt in last October's world stock crash.

Few expect a dramatic turnaround this year in the Kuwaiti economy, heavily dependent on oil income, after renewed weakness in the world oil market since January.

**Income**  
Government spending, which drives economic activity, is expected to stagnate or rise only slightly in the 1988-89 fiscal year which starts on July 1.

But some banks have been able to boost revenue through judicious lending and new products that range from investment funds and advisory services to home banking and travellers' cheques dispensed through automatic teller machines.

Staff and expenses have been cut and some branches shut. "The emphasis now in the bank is really to move into non-interest income, fees and commissions and trading income," Gulf Bank's Awadi said.

Banks advertise aggressively on television for a share of the growing consumer loan market, which surged after an interest rate cut in March 1987.

Private residential construction appears to be undergoing a mini-boom, also spurred by lower interest rates. Overall loans to the private sector rose seven per cent during 1987 to KD 4.6 billion (\$17 billion).

Government Treasury bills and bonds launched last November to finance the state budget deficit have proved attractive new assets that also help banks manage cash flows.

NBK, which already has a robust international network, hopes to expand business in the Gulf outside Kuwait among top institutional clients.

But competition will be severe in a country of 1.7 million people often described as overbanked.

"It's going to be very tough. The cake is smaller now. You don't see overall demand in the economy increasing... this of course will limit domestic lending opportunities," Awadi said.

## New economic strategy to promote joint venture schemes

# Malaysia seeks overseas investment

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Malaysian government is actively seeking foreign investment and has launched a series of schemes for all kinds of enterprises, from giant ones down to relatively small businesses. Malaysia is the world's largest producer of rubber, tin, and palm oil and also has abundant supplies of oil and gas. Together with this wealth of natural resources, Malaysia also enjoys the political stability that is so crucial to investors' confidence.

Current legislation ensures that the government exercises overall control of investment programmes and has introduced measures to protect the rights of foreign investors. These include the Foreign Investment Act, the New Zealand-Hong Kong, the Federal Republic of Germany, Scandinavia, Britain and the United States.

Malaysia is now promoting international joint venture schemes which guarantee the long term interests of foreign investors.

During the late '70s, Malaysia shifted its industrial strategy towards greater concentration on export-oriented projects. By the '80s, this shift had led to a

sophisticated gameplan that involved specific targets to be achieved, such as the development of high technology projects.

The increased development of the country's raw materials and natural resources was also given high priority, especially with regard to processing materials at home, rather than exporting them in raw bulk and thus losing the opportunity for profitable value-adding operations.

**Strategy**

An important aspect of the new economic strategy is the idea of encouraging industries away from the major cities into the smaller provincial towns and even rural areas. In this way it is hoped that the benefits of the Malaysia's economic boom will be spread evenly throughout the population of the entire country, rather than merely concentrated in the main urban areas.

Under the Fifth Malaysia Plan (1986-90) it is envisaged that the manufacturing sector will play the leading role in the economic development of the country, a major switch from the old days when Malaysia's abundant raw materials and mineral wealth was the prime factor in the country's economic success or failure.

The Malaysian government

has found that international joint venture projects offer the best means of securing the long term interests of both partners.

Certainly, overseas investors are attracted by the political stability of Malaysia as well as its booming economy and stable currency. The excellent banking facilities in Malaysia are a major attraction since they provide generous credit facilities to foreign businessmen. The infrastructure of the country is surprisingly well developed and the hard working labour force has also proved to be a major attraction.

According to recent studies published by the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA), the country is offering incentives for the manufacturing sector including pioneer status, tax breaks, and a five-year incentive to five years commencing from the production date as determined by the minister of trade and industry.

**Allowance**

A company granted the investment tax allowance may be given an allowance of up to 100 per cent in respect of qualifying capital expenditure incurred within five years from the date of the project.

An abatement of 5 per cent of the adjusted income is granted

for a minimum period of five years to resident manufacturing companies located in designated industrial areas, and also is granted to residents small scale manufacturing companies for the period of five consecutive years commencing from the year of commencing of business.

It is also granted to manufacturing company which complies with the government's policy on the capital participation or employment on or after January 1986 and not before 1.1.1986.

**Incentives**

Accelerated depreciation allowance is granted to a company which incurs qualifying capital expenditure before December 31, 1988. This allowance is in the form of an initial allowance of 20 per cent and an annual allowance of 40 per cent. Reinvestment allowance is also granted to manufacturing company which incurs qualifying capital expenditure for the purpose of approved expansion before December 31, 1988. This incentive is in the form of an allowance of 25 per cent of the capital expenditure on plant, machinery and factory building.

In addition to previous incentives manufacturers producing for the export market may also be eligible for the following: export credit refinancing

scheme, an abatement of the adjusted income for exports, an export allowance of 5 per cent and double deduction for promotion of exports.

Double deduction of export credit to encourage exporters to penetrate into non-traditional markets, double deduction is allowed to premium payments in respect of export credit insurance insured with a company approved by the minister of finance.

Industrial building allowance for companies eligible for OBA in respect of buildings used as warehouse and as bulk storage installations for storing goods for exports.

The Malaysian Industrial Development Authority provides special services and advice for all foreign investors wishing to get involved in projects in the country.

MIDA will conduct pre-investment studies to help identify products or services which are expected to be profitable. It will also provide technical advisory services to companies. MIDA maintains a register of local and foreign partners that can be used by those wishing to explore the possibilities of setting up joint venture schemes. MIDA has many promotion offices around the world, including Singapore, London and New York.

## World Business Summary

# Central bankers see higher risk of inflation

BASLE, Switzerland, May 10, (Reuters): The world's top bankers are showing signs of unease about a possible spurt to inflation after months of worrying about a stock crash-induced recession, monetary sources said yesterday.

"They seem to be worried about inflation and that is new because in previous months the talk was about recession," said one official who emerged from the monthly meeting of central bankers of leading industrial countries at the Bank for International Settlements. "I would not say we are talking about the (immediate) danger of inflation," another official said, "but we have a high level of liquidity growth which can motivate inflation."

Many central banks opened the money sluices after last October's stock market crash, priming their economies with extra injections of cash. Now they are increasingly concerned the excess liquidity could stoke inflationary pressure. "People now see inflation as a possible feature on the scene in contrast to the possibility of recession, which was seen as a danger six months ago," one central banker said. But the officials said there was little talk of adjusting interest rates or concerns about the recent rise in long-term US rates. "We are in an intermediate situation," one central banker said. "The feeling is that interest rates are stable. We do not know if that is temporary or whether there will be a turnaround." "We feel there was already a market tendency for long-term interest rates to go up, in the US in particular," another added. "This is not a new development."

**US corporate profits up**  
NEW YORK, May 10, (Kuna): US corporate profits rose by a healthy 24 per cent in the first quarter compared to the same period last year but they may begin to slow down in the months to come, according to a survey published yesterday in the Wall Street Journal. Most economists see a distinct slowing in profit increases in the coming months, and some predict declines. The survey of 509 major American corporations also shows that the 24 per cent rise in net income was significantly smaller than the 51 per cent surge in the 1987 fourth quarter and also trailed the 33 per cent gain in the third period. Although profit gains have declined, they were spread across a wide range of industrial groups. Some long-sailing sectors showed strong rebounds. These include the steel sector which was aided by import quotas, the weak dollar and capacity reductions. Swinging back into the black from losses in the 1987 three-month period were such groups as industrial and farm equipment, oil field services and heavy construction. Chemicals and forest products were helped by the weak dollar, aluminium and copper producers turned in huge profit gains, airlines flew back into the profit zone and the oil group was generally strong.

The petroleum group, many oil companies recorded sharp profit increases, sparked by record chemical earnings and strong refining and marketing margins. But a drop in crude oil prices from a year earlier kept exploration and production products flat. An exception to the big gains was Amstar's Hess.

**Hungary welcomes investment**

LONDON, May 10, (Xinhua): Visiting Hungarian Prime Minister Karoly Grosz said here yesterday that his country welcomes foreign investment and capital in its drive to modernise the national economy. The prime minister, who came to London on Wednesday for a four-day visit, told a press conference that the main task facing the country is to modernise its economy and make it more competitive. The Hungarian prime minister held talks yesterday with his British counterpart Mrs Margaret Thatcher which covered the development within Hungary, with particular reference to changes taking place in the Hungarian economy, according to a spokesman at Downing Street. In the past two days Grosz also met British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and representatives of British industries and banks. Hungary is working to create necessary conditions for setting up a stock exchange in its capital, Budapest, as soon as possible, he said. As to bilateral relations, the Hungarian prime minister said Britain has taken steps to ease visa procedures between the two countries and the revised procedures will come into force shortly. But Britain still does not provide for the same exemption from visas as Hungary gets from West Germany, he added.

## Return to Soviet-style economy seen as China's biggest threat

BEIJING, May 10, (Reuters): The biggest threat to China's economic health is that its leaders might try to turn back the clock to restore Soviet-style centralised planning, a top Chinese economist said today.

Li Yining, a key backer of Beijing's programme of economic reforms, said in an unusual meeting with foreign reporters that restoring economic stability could become an excuse to roll back free-market policies begun in 1979.

"The biggest threat to China is not rising prices," he said. "It is that the old system might come back."

Stabilising the economy could become an excuse to do this, Li 57, a member of the standing committee of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, and a professor of economics at Peking

University, was careful to point out that these were his own views.

But he is one of the economic strategists who has the ear of China's top leaders.

He did not name any factions within the leadership that might be looking to reverse such reforms.

But mounting inflation, already the worst since the communists took power in 1949, has become a concern of Beijing's leaders. It was a key element in Premier Li Peng's speech to the annual meeting of parliament in March.

**Increases**

A Western diplomat said China was entering a crucial phase with price rises causing great public discontent and causing many people to blame the reforms.

"Price increases are not only an economic question. They are

also a political and social question," Li said.

Top officials have said they want to contain inflation at 10 per cent this year but prices rose by 11 per cent during the first quarter, higher than interest on bank deposits.

"If prices rise a little bit we should not be afraid but we cannot allow prices to rise too much," he said.

**Subsidies**

If they did, there could be a run on the banks, where personal deposits amount to more than 300 billion yuan (\$80 billion), Li said. "If a third of that was withdrawn, the effect would be unthinkable."

Prices are a major part of the reform programme. For 30 years, China controlled prices by heavy state subsidies, resulting in shortages and rationing.

## Malaysia voices support for Opec

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10, (Kuna): Malaysia has given the assurance that it will not go beyond its oil production level of 540,000 barrels per day (bpd) and that it will always be supportive of Opec efforts to stabilise the world market.

The assurance was conveyed by the Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad to the Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Ginting Kartasasmita during a closed-door meeting here today.

The premier, however, strongly believed that Opec member nations should respect their production quotas first before non-member producers such as Malaysia agreed to a cutback.

Malaysia's assurance and views were noted by the Indonesian minister during the one-hour consultations with the prime minister on oil prices and production.

Kartasasmita told the news-men yesterday before returning

to Jakarta, at the Subang International Airport, he made a short visit to Malaysia to brief the prime minister on the background leading to some Opec members not agreeing to non-members' proposal for a five per cent export cut at Vienna recently.

He said he had informed Dr Mahathir that most Opec members were receptive to a cutback but differed on the manner that cutback was to be effected.

He said the Vienna meeting did not collapse but was adjourned to an Opec meeting in June.

**Prices**  
Kartasasmita said the proposed cutback on an equal basis of five per cent was unprecedented in the history of the organisation.

The minister, who took over the portfolio only recently, said prevailing conditions do not prove the doomsday scenario that prices will drastically fall if no consensus was reached at

Vienna.

In fact, he projected that prices, now hovering at \$16.30 per barrel from \$15 on April 29 and 30, would firm towards the end of this month.

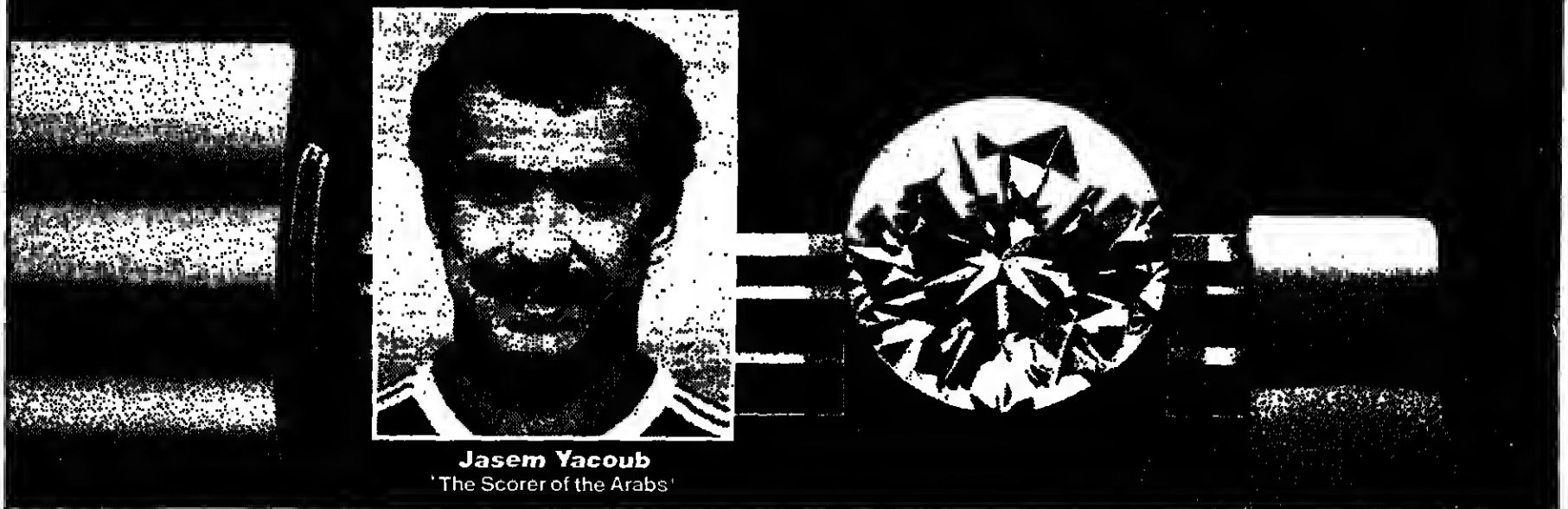
He based his projections on increased demand and lowering of reserves in the world market but added that there must be strict discipline by Opec members to adhere to their respective quotas.

He said despite fears that political strife influenced prices, market fundamentals such as the envisaged decline in production and stocks and upsurge in demand coupled with the winter season, would rule the market.

He said an encouraging factor is that reserves of non-Opec members are also on the down-trend.

In the US, a major oil producer, the 1987 shortfall of 100,000 bpd has widened significantly to 800,000 bpd this year, he said.

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52/4	52/4
13/4	13/2
0	43/3

1	MAI INTERG	18/0	18/0	SERV CORP	21/5	21/5
2	NBI CORP	0	4/3	SA STH PAC	15/1	15/1
3	HCR CORP	60/1	60/1	SHRSX LINN	19/6	19/6
4	HEW ENG EL	20/7	20/6	SHELL TRAN	79/4	79/3
5	HEW PLA RE	0	14/0	SHER PLOU	66/4	66/6
6	NEWELL CO	37/4	37/3	SMITH INT	10/1	10/1
7	NEWMONT NI	35/1	35/2	SMITHK BEC	51/5	51/6
8	NEWMONT GLD	36/1	36/2	SWAP ON TL	40/2	40/4
9	NICOR INC	29/0	29/0	SOURCE CAP	38/0	38/2
10	NI INDS	7/2	7/1	SOUTHERN	22/2	22/2
11	NOBLE AFF	13/2	13/2	SPERRY	13/5	13/7
12	NORD RESOU	10/6	10/4	SQUARE D	53/5	53/3
13	NORTH CORP	28/5	28/5	SQUIBB	58/5	57/6
14	NORTON	52/0	52/2	STALEY AE		
15	NOW IND	28/0	28/1	STEVENS JP	68/2	68/1
16	NUCOR CORP	37/6	37/5	SUN CO	56/4	56/6
17	OAK INDS	1/2	1/2	SUNSTRAND	52/7	52/6
18	OCC PETROPC	26/6	26/6	SUNSH NIN	3/7	3/7
19	OCEAN DRILL	22/0	22/1	SUPER VAL	21/4	21/2
20	ODEN CORP	26/7	26/7	SOUTHWEST	16/4	16/4
21	OH ED CO	17/7	17/7	SW GAS	20/1	20/2
22	OHIO MATT	15/5	14/6	SUN BELL	34/0	34/1
23	OLIN CORP	49/4	49/3	TANDY CORP	45/1	45/2
24	OMNICARE	7/4	7/5	TDK	0	73/2
25	ORION PICT	15/4	15/4	TECO ENERG	22/0	22/0
26	PAINE WEB	15/5	15/1	TEKTRONIX	24/2	24/4
27	PAN AM	2/6	2/6	TELETYPE	333/4	332/0
28	PANHANDLE	23/4	23/2	TELEX CORP	46/1	46/1
29	PARK ELECT	19/0	19/2	TERADYNE	15/1	15/0
30	PARKER DIR	3/6	3/7	TESORO PET	11/3	11/4
31	PARKER NAM	35/4	35/7	TEX AMER B	1/7	1/7
32	PATRICK PET	3/7	4/0	TEX EAS TR	26/7	27/0
33	PAYLESS CSH	18/7	18/5	TEXACO	50/3	50/4
34	PULLMAN CO	5/4	5/4	TEXAS INT	39/4	39/4
35	PC INDS-96	0	88/0	TEXAS INST	45/4	45/2
36	PENN CENTR	23/5	23/5	TEXTRON	24/6	24/4
37	PERMUTAL	61/2	61/2	THOMPS MED	19/0	19/0
38	PENNZOIL	72/7	72/6	TIOEMATER	6/3	6/3
39	PEOPLES EN	17/4	17/4	TIGER INT	15/4	15/4
40	PEPSICO	33/4	33/5	TIMKEN	73/6	73/6
41	PFIZER	52/5	52/3	TORCHMARK	30/3	30/5
42	PHILIPS DOD	36/6	36/4	TOSCO	3/0	2/7
43	PHILIP MOR	85/3	85/4	TOYS R US	36/5	36/7
44	PHILLIPS PE	17/3	17/5	TRANSMER	31/6	32/0
45	PILLSBURY	40/6	40/4	TRANSCO EN	26/6	26/7
46	PINNACLE W	24/6	24/7	TRANSCO EX	6/5	6/4
47	PITN-BOMES	42/0	42/0	TRAVELLERS	33/6	33/5
48	PITTSOFT	14/1	14/1	TRINITY INT	33/5	33/7
49	POLAROID	32/2	31/6	TU CORP	17/0	17/0
50	PORTLIND GE	22/4	22/4	TRANSULSD	35/3	35/3
51	PRIME COMP	16/4	16/5	UTO BRAND	54/0	53/6
52	PRIME TINS	36/6	36/4	UTO TECH	38/2	38/3
53	PRIMERICA	25/0	24/7	UGI CORP	28/4	28/4
54	PROCT-GAMB	74/5	74/1	UNILEVER	55/5	56/0
55	PUEBLO INT	0	25/6	UNION CAMP	34/2	34/0
56	PUGET SP-L	18/7	18/6	UNION CARB	23/2	23/1
57	PULTE HOME	7/1	7/1	US SHOE	20/7	20/7
58	QUAKER OAT	45/4	45/4	USK CPK	32/0	32/0
59	QUAKER CORP	22/4	22/4	US WEST	51/3	51/4
60	QUANTUM CN	80/4	80/2	U	33/5	33/3
61	RALS PURTH	71/6	71/2	VALERO EN	6/6	7/0
62	RAMADA INN	7/0	7/0	VALLEY IND	2/4	2/4
63	RANGER OIL	5/7	6/0	VARCO INTL	5/3	5/3
64				VARIAN ASC	77/4	77/4

RAYMARK	0	7/2	WATKINS	31/3	30/4
RAYNEON	66/7	66/5	WATNOC OIL	7/0	6/7
REGAL INTL	0	.09	WAL MART	27/0	26/6
REYNOLDS	45/0	43/2	WALGREEN	31/3	31/2

RAJ HARISH	47/3	47/4	WARNER CON	33/4	33/5
ROCHES G-E	16/5	16/5	WARNER LAM	63/7	64/0
ROCKMAN C	8/1	8/2	WASTE MAN	33/5	33/6
ROCKWELL	18/5	18/6	WASH GAS L	23/6	23/6
ROHR LINDS	25/0	24/6	WEST INTL	6/5	6/4
ROLLINS EN	20/4	20/2	WEST CO	13/2	13/2
ROLLINS IN	35/2	19/2	WESTING	54/4	54/5
ROBER	40/1	30/1	WILLIAMS C	31/3	33/6
ROBER COMP	7/5	7/5	WILLIAMS-E	67/2	67/2
ROYL BUTCH	121/7	121/3	WINNEBAGO	9/0/2	9/0/2
RSS BERRIE	0	21/5	WINN-ONIE	39/2	39/2

RYLAND GRP	14/0	14/2	WORLD CORP	0	6/3
S OIEG 6-E	31/6	31/5	WRIGLEY	35/7	35/4
SABINE	0	26/0	WYLE LABS	9/1	9/0

SALOMON	21/6	21/5	MERON CORP	52/3	52/3
SARA LEE	36/5	36/5	XTRA INC	30/3	30/7
SCOTT PPR	38/5	38/0	ZAPATA	3/2	3/1
SCOTTYS	0	14/2	ZAYNE CORP	23/7	23/6
SE BANK CO	21/6	21/7	ZENITH, EL	22/0	21/6
			ZERO	14/3	14/3

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,007.79	+ 10.44	2,011.60	1,997.68
TRANS	837.07	+ 5.38	838.56	831.84

UTILS	169.81 + 0.24	170.10	169.45
STOCKS	747.86 + 3.75	748.76	744.15
NYSE COMP	143.91 + .63		
S-P COMPOSITE	257.82 + 1.28		
NYSE IND'S	177.58 + 0.78		
AMEX INDEX	300.62 + 0.63		

NASD COMP	376.01	- 0.26
NASD BANKING	444.71	- 0.61
NASD FIN'L	449.44	- 0.62
NASD INDS	387.54	+ 0.03
S-P 100 INDEX	264.81	+ 1.33

**Street Statistics \*Composite\***

VOLUME		ANEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
8	+	1/4	DOME PETE	1 1/16	- 1/16
8		UNCH	ANDAHIL CP	44 1/2	+ 5/8
4		UNCH	DAHSON OIL	3/32	UNCH

8	+	3/8	WANG LAB B	11	1/8	+	1/8
8	+	1/2	FIRST AJS	9	1/4	UNCH	
8	+	1/8	HORN+HARD	7		UNCH	
8	+	1/4	NY TIMES A	28	1/4	+	3/8
8	+	1/8	MEDIQ INC	4	1/4	-	1/8
	+	5/8	AT&T PRIME	22	3/8	+	1/3

8	+	5/8	BOLAR CO	25	1/2	-	1/2
PERCENT CHANGE			AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				
4	+	1/2	MICRON PRO	2	1/4	+	1/4
4	+	3/8	AMPAL-AMEX	2	1/8	-	1/8

UNION CO	4 7/8	+	1/4
UNIMAR CO	6 3/8	-	5/8
PRATT MOTE	2	-	1/8
ANEX VOLUME	1	800	800

588	STOCKS UP	137
351	STOCKS DOWN	119
ME 100,934,500		
MM 1284		

## Street Market Report

Reuter — Wall Street stocks showed broad gains but from their highest early levels. They gained following several major brokerages that they are ending certain trading, which had unsettled the market.

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## International Bond Highlights

London — Arthur Schmiegelow, chairman of the Association of International Bond Dealers (AIBD), said the group was counting on its members' support for the AIBD's tax system of trade matching. (RTUG 1648)

Hong Kong — The government owned mass transit Railway Corp is issuing a 100 mln Canadian dir Eurobond due June 14, 1991, lead manager Citicorp Investment Bank Ltd said. (RTZA 0424)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LOW 8-3/16 1/16	8-1/16 7-15/16	8-5/16 3/16
FFY 3.30/35	3.40/50	3.55/65
PAR 7-1/8 1/4	7-11/16 13/16	7-15/16 8-1/16
ZUR 1-3/8 1-5/8	2-1/4 1/4	2-1/4 2-1/2
BRX 5.75	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
RON 9-5/8 10-1/8	10-3/8 10-7/8	10-3/8 10-7/8
AMS 3-7/8 4-0/0	4-1/16 4-1/8	4-1/8 4-1/4
TOK 3.2500 3125	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9375
EDU 5.75 5.87	6.00 6.12	6.31 6.43

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6 1/4	6 3/4
3 months	6	6 1/2
6 months	5 7/8	6 3/8
1 year	5 7/8	6 3/8

## BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	66.25	66.5	67	7100	515	510	515
				GNFC	33.5	34	34.75	MUKAND	89.5	90	91.5
ACC	158	159	166	BRASIN	92	93	95	NOCL	455	460	465
ASIA PAINT	142.5	145	147.5	BSFC	102	103	104	ORRAY	23.5	22.5	23.5
BAJAJ AUTO	202.5	195	196.75	NIND LEVER	73	72	73	PEIIO	33	31	32
BAR. RAYON	217.5	222.5	226	NINDALCO	77	76.5	78	PFIZER	66	64.5	66
BOM. OYING	129	128	128.5	NINDCOCA	77.5	75	77.5	PRE. AUTO	28	29	28.5
BR. BOND	95.5	93	94	NINDMOTOR	18.25	18.25	18	RAYMOND	44	44	45
BSE INDEX	475.88	471.74	472	NIND ORG	18.5	20	19.5	RELIANCE	119.5	121	125
CENTURYSPG	830	827.5	832.5	NINDORAY	61.5	62.5	63.5	SIEMENS	65	65	66
COLGATE	175	179.75	179	NINDOROL	162.5	158.25	162.5	SPIC	34	33.5	34.75
DEEPAKERT	29.5	29	29.5	ITC	36.5	36	37	STDMILLS	222.5	230	231
EL. HOTEL	52	52	52	JKSYNTH	55.5	55.5	56	TATA PWR	250	247.5	252.5
ESKAYEF	162.5	161.25	166.25	L. AND T.	84	84	86	TATACHEN	64	63.5	64
ESSAR	16	16	16.5	MAHINDRA	58	57	58.5	TELCO	495	495	510
GAR. POLY	76.5	76.25	77	MASTERSHR	10.12	10	10.12	TISCO	698.75	700	707.5
GE. SHIP	26.25	26.35	26.35	MATHER PL	76.25	78.5	77	VOLTAS	285	282.5	286.25

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AGG	207.2
ALLIANZ VR	1262.0
BADENWERT	181.0
BASF	236.0
BAYER	253.5
BAYER HYD	320.0
BAYER VER	314.0
BIC	316.0
BIF	372.0
BHW	485.0
COMMERZBANK	214.5
CONTI GUMM	234.2
DALMEIER BEN	571.7
DEUTSC BKK	386.5
OLW	367.0
DRESNER B	231.0
DT BARCOCK	142.0
FAZ INDEX	430.67
GOLDSCHEIDT	252.0
HANSAWAG	405.0
HOECHST AG	254.0
HORSEN	121.0
HORTEN	179.0
HUSSEL HLD	444.0
KAL SALZ	130.5
KARSTADT	445.0
KARSTADT	380.0
KLOECK M	99.5
KLOECK W	86.50
LINDE	622.0
LUFTHANSA	141.5
MAN	165.0
MANHESMAN	135.5
MERCEDES	462.0
METALLURG	265.0
NIDORFF PF	483.0
NORSK NYD	49.80
PHILIP KOP	541.0
PORSCHE	508.0
PREUSSAG	150.0
PIA	198.2
RHEIN P	192.0
RHEINMETAL	185.0
SALAMANDER	265.0
SCHERING	461.8
SEL	274.0
SIEMENS	327.0
THYSEN	128.0
VARTA	260.0
VEBA	235.5
VEW	163.5
VOLKSWAGEN	235.5

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C N TUNNEL	15.10
CHINA GAS	7.45
CHINA L-P	15.90
COSMO MTR	18.20
COSMO PROP	19.40
EVERGOLD	0.38
FAR EAST C	0.77
GEN ORIENT	0.44
R C DEVELOP	8.90
N S INDEX	571.74
HANG LUNG	5.30
HANG SENG	26.30
HAW PAR BR	0.21
HK ELEC CO	7.45
HK KOWLOON	6.90
HK LAND CO	7.60
HK SHAN BK	6.40
HK SHAN NT	4.50
HK TELE CO	6.95
HUTCH WHAN	8.45
IND EQ PAC	11.00
JARDINE M	12.10
KOWLOON M	12.50
NEW WORLD	10.90
PAUL Y CON	2.02
REALTY DEV	6.05
S N K CO	1.90
S N K PROP	11.10
STINE DARY	1.47
STELLUX MFG	2.47
SWIRE PAC	17.10
T V B CO	14.20
TAT CHEUNG	3.65
UNITON BANK	1.54
WOCK HAD	0.725
WOCK HAT	0.15
WORLD INTL	3.20

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AJIMOTO	3550
AKAI ELEC	427
AKI	1010
ASAHI GAS	2050
ASAHI OPT	670
BANK TOKYO	1570
BRIDGESTON	1450
CANON	1290
CASIO COMP	1290
CHUGAI MFG	0
CITIZEN W	629
O-ICHI KAN	3160
DAI NIP IK	788
DAI NIP PT	2680
DAI NIP SEC	1150
DAI NIP TO	541
DAICEL	902
DAINA W	1900
DAISAN SEC	2700
DAISAN MFG	1080
DAISAN	2250
DAISAN	1600
DAISAN	1300
DAISAN	1100
DAISAN	1000
DAISAN	900
DAISAN	800
DAISAN	700
DAISAN	600
DAISAN	500
DAISAN	400
DAISAN	300
DAISAN	200
DAISAN	100
DAISAN	0

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE UP, AT DAY'S HIGHS  
TOKYO, MAY 10, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED UP ON SPECULATIVE BUYING AND BARGAIN-HUNTING AFTER THREE DAYS' WORTH OF LOSSES, BROKERS SAID.  
BUT WALL STREET'S WEAKNESS AND THE U.S. TREASURY QUARTERLY REFUNDING THIS WEEK KEPT SOME INVESTORS SKEPTICAL.  
"THERE IS UNCERTAINTY OVERSEAS, WHICH MAY EFFECT FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES," SAID BROKER YAZO ASAI OF TAMAICHI SECURITIES. "IT IS DIFFICULT TO REALLY MOVE IN THIS SITUATION."  
THE NIKKEI INDEX GAINED 147.95 POINTS, OR 0.54 PCT., TO 27,412.25. IT RAN 223.47 POINTS ON MONDAY. RISES LED FALLS 1.2 TO ONE IN TURNOVER OF 700 MLN SHARES AGAINST 600 MLN.  
COMMUNICATIONS, RUBBER, RAILWAY/RAIL, MINING, OIL, WAREHOUSE, AUTO, REAL ESTATE, FOOD, FISHERY AND SOME MANUFACTURING ISSUES LED THE ADVANCE.  
SECURITIES HOUSE, BANK, CREDIT/LEASE, RETAIL, PHARMACEUTICAL AND NON-LIFE INSURANCE SHARES DECLINED.  
THERE WAS AN EARLY MORNING LOW OF 27,166.92, SPURRED BY WALL STREET'S OVERNIGHT DROP BELOW 2,000 POINTS DUE TO CONCERN OVER HIGHER INTEREST RATES AND INFLATION.  
HOWEVER, A CUMULATIVE 405.42-POINT LOSS OVER THE PAST THREE SESSIONS WAS ENOUGH TO ENCOURAGE SOME BUYING, BROKERS SAID.  
"WHEN LOOKING AT NEAR-TERM CHARTS, WE HAVE REACHED A POINT FOR A REBOUND," SAID DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER TADAOKI UENARA OF WAKO SECURITIES. "SPECULATIVE ISSUES ARE THE FOCUS."  
THE APRIL U.S. PRODUCER PRICE INDEX WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MAY 13, WHICH MAY HELP PROVIDE SOME MARKET DIRECTION FOR WALL STREET AND IN TURN INSPIRE INVESTORS HERE, BROKERS SAID.  
THE MAY 17 SCHEDULED RELEASE OF U.S. MARCH TRADE DATA WILL ALSO CAUSE INVESTORS TO HOLD BACK, BUT BROKERS ANTICIPATE AN UPWARD SWING COME JUNE. JAPANESE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE ONE OF THEIR TWICE-YEARLY BONUSES THEN, SOME OF WHICH MAY FIND ITS WAY INTO STOCKS.

## Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, MAY 10, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED WEAKER BUT OFF THEIR LOWS ON LATE BUYING SUPPORT, BROKERS SAID.  
THE HANG SENG INDEX FELL 21.01 TO END THE DAY AT 2,563.02 AFTER LOSING SOME 40 POINTS IN LATE MORNING. THE HONG KONG INDEX SHED 14.84 TO 1,693.74. TURNOVER WAS 838.01 MLN N.K.  
DLRS AGAINST 1.03 BILLION ON MONDAY.  
BROKERS SAID SENTIMENT HAS TURNED MIXED AFTER THE MARKET FAILED TO HOLD ABOVE THE 2,600 LEVEL, ADDING THAT THE DOU JONES INDUSTRIAL'S FALL BELOW 2,000 ALSO DAMPENED INTEREST.  
"THERE IS SOME SUPPORT FROM A FEW OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS BUT OVERALL THERE IS NO INCENTIVE TO ENTER MARKET," SAID A DEALER.

## AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.16
ARAB ALUMINUM LTD	1.79
ARAB BANK	114.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.34
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.10
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.33
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.97
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	16.05
BANK OF JORDAN	16.05
BEELIUM INSURANCE	1.00
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.39
DAR ALADWA OV/INV.	1.42
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.41
FINANCE/CREDIT/CO.	0.54
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.10
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25
GENERAL NTWING.	1.22
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.79
HOLY LAND INS.	1.20
IND. MATCH JENCO	0.60
INDSTR. DEVLPT BKK	1.41
INDSTR. COMM/AGR.	1.31
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75
INTERBANK/INV	0.19
ISRAELI ELECTRICITY	0.96
ISRAELI INV. HOUSE	0.64
ITEMED/PEIR/CH	1.23
J. TOUR-OP COMPLEX	0.75
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26
JOR TOBACCO/CAIGRET	13.60
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.04
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.46
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.10
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.90
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50
JOR INDUSTRT. CHEM.	1.54
JOR INS AND FIK.	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.72
JOR LTN BRICK	0.21
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.48
JOR PAPER CARD BRDG	3.05
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.22
JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	1.14
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.54
JOR SECURIT. CORP.	0.76
JOR SELPHO CHEN.	2.60
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.09
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60
JOR. KMAIT AGR	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.07
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	1.91
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.30
JORDAN OILTR	0.98
JORDAN GULF BKS	1.16
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	1.63
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.45
JORDAN TANNING	1.95
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77
MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	0.74
MINS INDUSTRIES	0.69
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60
MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80
NAT/CABEL/VIRE/MF	0.97
NATIONAL ALHIA INS	1.29
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.45
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.72
NATIONAL STEEL	2.80
ORIENT DRT BATTERY	0.25
PETRA BANK	1.95
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.89
RAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.39
SHIPPING LINES	0.81
SPIRING WEAVING	0.77
THE HOUSING BANK	1.74
UNITED INSURANCE	1.00
UNIVERSAL CHEN. IND	1.46
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.06

## PHILIPPINE MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	72.00		
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.44		.44
AC-A	8.10	8.20	8.20	LC-B	.46		.47
ANS	3.65	3.70	3.75	PX-A	.37		.38
FER-A	2.38			PX-B	.39		.40
GLO	34.00	34.50	34.00	OIL SECTOR			
PLDT	185.00	186.00	184.00	BP-A	.016		.017
KPSI-A		1.60		BP-B	.016		.018
SNC-A	143.00	144.00	142.00	LRC-A	.0026		.0026
SNC-B	185.00	186.00	183.00	LRC-B	.0026		.0026
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.041		.042
APX-A	.029	.03	.03	OPM-B	.041		.043
APX-B	.03	.031		OV-A	.031		.032
AT-A	20.25	20.50	20.50	OV-B	.031		.032

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	835,830	13,258,760	821.96	3.09	DN
NINING	17,544,700	4,414,950	4,908.82	17.32	DN
OIL	125,900,000	3,326,600	5.727	0.170	DN
TOTAL	142,280,530	20,000,310	785.44	9.32	DN

## PHILIPPINE MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				COLOR FILM		ELECTRONICS	
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	76.00	77.00	76.00
SNC-A	144.00	145.00	144.00	BC-B	76.00	85.00	
SNC-B	185.00	186.00	185.00	LC-A	.45	.46	.45
ST-TIRE	29.00	29.50	29.00	LC-B	.47	.48	.47
PLDT	190.00	191.00	188.00	ZIP	.01	.011	
ANSOR	3.65	3.70	3.70	DIL SECTOR			
AC-A	8.20	8.30	8.20	STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN	
GLO	34.00	34.50	34.00	BP-A	.017	.018	.017
FER-A	2.40	2.50	2.40	BP-B	.017	.018	.018
FER-B	2.46	2.50		LRC-A	.0022	.0026	.0026
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B	.0024	.0028	
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-A	.0042	.0043	.0041
APX-A	.03	.031	.03	OPM-B	.0044	.0045	.0044
APX-B	.03	.031	.031	OV-A	.032	.033	.033
AT-A	20.50	20.75	20.50	OV-B	.033	.034	
AT-B	22.50	23.50	22.00	TA	.023	.024	



## Gold prices firm

## Inflation fears weigh on shares

LONDON, May 10, (Reuters): Fears of higher inflation depressed share prices in most world markets today and pushed up the price of gold.

The price of gold, which investors favour when they fear inflation will erode the value of cash or securities, was fixed in London at \$447.10 an ounce, up \$2.70 from Monday.

The dollar dipped below 1.68 West German marks, having held above that level on Monday, and slipped 0.25 yen to 124.50 yen. It shed a third of a cent to trade around \$1.8825 to the British pound sterling.

The French franc gained about a cent to trade around 5.6925 to the dollar, but Paris

shares gave up gains won in a surprise rally on Monday which followed socialist President Francois Mitterrand's re-election.

The bourse opened 0.72 per cent lower today after closing 0.70 per cent higher on Monday.

## Slide

Dealers in most markets read the recent slide in Wall Street's benchmark Dow Jones industrial average, which fell below 2,000 points on Monday, as a key signal of rising fears of inflation.

"The Dow's dip below 2,000 for the first time in two weeks is not good news for us, as there don't seem to be any short-term factors that will push it back up again," a London share dealer

said.

In London, the FTSE index of 100 British blue chip shares opened 12.1 points lower at 1,782.8.

Frankfurt's 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index opened 1.81 points lower at 282.17. The All Share index fell 3.2 to 802.3 points, Amsterdam's CBS All Share index slipped 0.2 points to 83.6 and Milan's MIB index fell 1.9 per cent.

In Sydney, the Australian All Ordinaries fell 7.8 points to 1,399.3, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 21.01 points to 2,563.02. Singapore shares also slipped.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the Nikkei stock

average of 225 selected issues, a big 223.47-point loser on Monday, won back 147.95 points, or 0.53 per cent, finishing the day at 27,412.25.

The main stock market barometer has lost a total of 405.42 points during the last three trading days.

Bargain-hunting in a relatively small number of issues helped the market overcome a general lack of buying interest ahead of a refunding auction of US treasury bonds scheduled to begin in the United States later today, traders said.

Popular issues included oils, steels, machineries and heavy electricals. Among the losers were drugs and glass makers.

Volume on the first section was estimated at 700 million shares, up from 600 million shares on Monday. Advancing issues outpaced decliners 495 to 401, while 176 issues were unchanged.

Midmorning dollar rates compared with late Monday: —1.6793 West German marks, down from 1.6820.

—1.3977 Swiss francs, down from 1.4010.

—5.6933 French francs, down from 5.7075.

—1.8841 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8805.

—1,248.50 Italian lire, down from 1,250.00.

—1.2375 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2396.

## Food production gets a boost

## Algeria urged to introduce economic reforms

By Jadranka Porter

ALGERIA, its economy clobbered by the falling oil prices, has made a U-turn towards greater reliance on its farmland, which once not only fed the whole nation but produced enough to make the country known for its food exports.

The shift in the emphasis from industrialisation financed by oil revenues, towards food production has triggered a set of reforms aimed at giving commercial companies and farmers more independence but also at exacting a higher rate of productivity and efficiency.

In the process the bureaucratic machinery, which has stifled the growth in tightly controlled commercial enterprises and has placed the state-run farms in the red, is gradually being dismantled.

## Option

"What an attractive option socialism was when a barrel of oil was \$40," commented an Algerian weekly recently in an apparent jab at the hard-line adherents of socialism at a time when the country is facing radical reforms designed to trim down the state control in some vital areas of economic activity. Algeria in fact began prepara-

tions for the post-oil era at the beginning of the decade before the dramatic drop in oil prices. With the ascent of pragmatic leader Chadli Bendjedid to top positions in the ruling socialist party FLN (Front de Liberation National) and the government, plans to rely on resources other than oil and gas gained prominence especially in view of the fact that Algeria's oil reserves are not expected to last more than 20 years.

## Imports

More alarming was the fact that the country increasingly began using its oil revenues on food imports which at one point reached \$3 billion in value. This gave rise to a frequently repeated remark that "Algerians eat their oil."

Local food production could meet less than 50 per cent of the consumption. When oil prices plummeted, Algeria's oil income was halved. In addition, the fast growth of population which doubled in the 25 years since independence and the declining buying power of the dollar earned through exports, urged the government to speed up the introduction of radical economic reforms.

Loosening its grip on the commercial enterprises and endorsing the changes with appropriate legislation, the government insis-

ted that the reforms were purely economic and organisational in nature. But some observers were inclined to view them as economic liberalisation and even as a step towards privatisation.

Agriculture was an obvious choice for restructuring. Only three per cent of Algeria's 2.4 million square kilometres is arable land. But the soil is fertile and given enough water and sunshine it can produce superior quality crops. As far back as Roman times Algeria was an area famous for its wheat. But with the advent of the oil boom this was easily forgotten and food production played a subordinate role in a massive drive towards urbanisation and industrialisation.

## Leadership

On the state-run farms the government was instrumental in determining what crops would be cultivated, where and at what price they would be sold.

Farmers became civil servants with guaranteed monthly income and caring little about the rate of production.

This kind of approach has produced a deficit of \$5 billion according to some estimates.

In the early 1980s however the leadership began appealing to Algerians to return to the land. The most powerful incentive

came in the form of land plots distributed by the government for a token fee under condition that the farmer cultivates the land and does not divide it into smaller plots. He is also entitled to sell the plot after five years of raising crops and has a free hand in the choice of crops and retailing.

The measures have imbued farmers with a sense of ownership leading to more vigorous efforts in food production.

In addition, loans for agricultural equipment and well-digging have been available and the government has erected numerous dams to help irrigate the land.

Equally if not more important are measures taken to make state-run companies self-supporting. "The public sector companies must stop acting as the administration's executive agents, stressed the ruling party's weekly newspaper.

It appealed for greater autonomy for the commercial enterprises to allow them to run their businesses on similar lines as private companies.

The government has passed several laws defining the new status of the commercial enterprises. They are being released from the bureaucratic yoke but the process is also seen as a means for the state to rid itself of enter-

prises running at a loss.

In one of his recent speeches President Bendjedid indicated that companies with poor business records cannot expect to be propped up by the government.

The government efforts to diversify its exports with the intention of reducing reliance on oil and gas have begun yielding results.

The income from Algerian non-oil exports is expected this year to cover the cost of food imports of up to \$1.7 billion. The former emphasis on industrialisation is now paying dividends.

Among Algeria's major exports are its industrial products including steel, ammonia, railway carriages, trucks, construction equipment, light bulbs, refrigerators, TV sets, paints, soaps and air-conditioning systems. The farms, recovering from the setbacks in previous years, are now poised to begin exporting produce such as citrus fruit, wine and early fruits and vegetables.

The drive towards a more intensive export activity is also reflected in a set of facilities granted by the government to export companies, as well as in closer monitoring of foreign markets and holding of numerous seminars tackling economic and technical aspects of export business.

## Petronas sets billion dollar profit target

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10, (Opecna): Petronas, the Malaysian state oil company, has set itself a profit target of \$1 billion for the current fiscal year.

According to Petronas chairman Haji Basir Ismail, the target is the "greatest challenge" for the company and maintaining profitability will severely test the skill of its employees as growth of profits depends on the sale of oil.

Malaysia, a non-Opec oil producing country, participated in the Opec/non-Opec meeting held in Vienna last month to find ways of restoring market stability.

Addressing a meeting of Petronas executives here, Basir said the company would be one of the biggest ventures in Malaysia in 10 years, "doing not only oil, but other things besides oil."

## Growth

"There is opportunity for Petronas to grow, but the growth must be properly planned, so that while it grows, it also creates profits," he said, adding that the company should recycle its profits and diversify its activities. Citing the case of Kuwait, he said not long ago, it had opened a small office in London which today was earning \$2 billion year.

## Soaring yen pushes prices of Japanese imports up

THE US dollar's drop against the Kuwaiti dinar has had a significant effect on Kuwait's commercial sector and has been met with mixed reactions among local businessmen. While some view the decline in the dollar prices and the rise of the Japanese yen as having little real impact, others say that the higher yen has significantly increased the price of Japanese imports.

According to a survey conducted by a Kuwaiti daily, most merchants expressed the opinion that Japanese manufacturers were able to adapt to the rise in the yen, although officials at the market say that Japanese products have increased 40 per cent in the last two years.

Fathi Ramadan, an agent for a large Japanese electronics company, said that the rise in the yen had influenced the prices of Japanese imports, but because of their high quality, they are still very competitive.

## Government to tackle chronic trade deficit

## Mitterrand faces jobs challenge

PARIS, May 10, (Reuters): Francois Mitterrand starts a second term as France's President faced with one of the highest jobless rates in the industrialised world.

The main challenge of the new government which he appoints this week will be to tackle unemployment and a chronic trade deficit while avoiding higher inflation, economists said.

"The French economy has shown a bit more resilience than most people had been expecting... but with the growth rate not much more than two per cent, at best unemployment is going to stabilise around present levels," Anthony Thomas, international economist at Kleinwort Greaves Securities, said.

Unemployment rose sharply from 1.8 million when Mitterrand took office in May 1981 to a record 2.68 million, or 11.1 per cent of the work force, in March last year.

## Schemes

It has since fallen to 2.54 million, or 10.3 per cent, helped by a series of job-creation and youth training schemes.

"I do not accept the idea that we can tolerate rising unemployment or resign ourselves to the social exclusion which it creates," Mitterrand wrote in the daily Le Monde last month.

He identified the failure of French industry to modernise and a weak European expansion as key causes of unemployment, but offered no instant cure.

But Mitterrand, as a centre-left president, is likely to be more susceptible to pressure for action on jobs from trade unions than



Francois Mitterrand

the outgoing right-wing government.

French unemployment is the second-highest among the Group of Seven leading industrial nations, outstripped only by Italy's 12.4 per cent rate.

While job creation will be high on the agenda of the new government, it will also have to try to tackle a foreign trade deficit which rose to \$1.4 billion francs (\$5.5 billion) last year from near-balance in 1986.

Most private forecasters expect a similar deficit this year, fuelled by strong consumer spending.

## Goods

Household consumption of manufactured goods grew 2.3 per year-on-year in the quarter to end-February, helping domestic industrial sales but also pulling in imports, and the cumulative trade deficit in the quarter of this

year was 4.1 billion francs (\$720 million).

"Looking ahead there is a risk that the trade deficit could be on a worsening trend, as the US trade position improves slowly and as France, together with other countries, sees a corresponding deterioration in its trade," Credit Suisse First Boston (CSFB) said in an analysis just published.

CSFB said that the new government's likely response would be that "consumer spending will be allowed to rise somewhat, but action, including the raising of interest rates, will be taken if it moves ahead too rapidly."

## Gain

"There will be a limited slow devaluation of the franc against the Deutsche mark over a number of years, giving a gradual gain in competitiveness without putting significant upward pressure on inflation," it added.

Pierre Bergeyov, Mitterrand's campaign director and former finance minister, said just before the elections that he was strongly opposed to a policy of competitive devaluations.

He is tipped to take back the finance portfolio, or some other senior economic ministry, when Mitterrand announces his government this week. He has even been tipped, with long-time Mitterrand rival Michel Rocard, as a possible prime minister.

Bergeyov's record as Finance Minister from July 1984 to March 1986 is likely to reassure foreign investors, who watched inflation fall from 7.5 per cent to three per cent in that period.

With centrist deputies, including former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing, talking of their readiness to support a Mitterrand government on a policy-by-policy basis, economists believe the new government is unlikely to change the course that French economic policy has followed since 1984.

But Mitterrand's re-election will end the series of sales of state firms that have taken place since late 1986.

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac sold off one-third of 65 firms which he had slated for privatisation over a five-year period, returning to the private sector groups worth 120 billion francs (\$21 billion).

## Sales

The groups included telecommunications giant CIE Generale d'Electricite (CGE), banking groups CIE Financiere de Paris and CIE Financiere de Suez, glass-maker Saint Gobain and defence electronics group Matra.

Mitterrand said during the election campaign that he would halt sales of state groups while leaving already-privatised groups in the private sector.

## Lebanese pound slides

BEIRUT, May 10, (Reuters): The Lebanese pound closed at 372.50/373.50 against the dollar today compared to the previous 371.00/373.00, the Central Bank said.

## Investment prospects for gold in 1988 remain uncertain

LONDON, May 10, (UPI): The investment prospects for gold for the rest of 1988 remained uncertain even though the precious metal has more than recovered from the lows seen in late February and early March, gold analysts said today.

Last October's stock market crash sent a number of speculators looking for a safe haven, and most looked to precious metals.

Now that world stock markets have returned to relative stability, some speculators have withdrawn from gold.

## Investors

And the weakened dollar and lower oil prices mean the fear of inflation, especially in the United States, has receded temporarily.

The result is a bearish effect, analysts said.

It is believed in bullion markets that when gold neared \$500 per ounce at the start of the year, central banks began selling the yellow metal.

In the past, world crises have automatically drawn investors into precious metals, but in the past two years gold saw no wild fluctuations by events in the Gulf

war or elsewhere.

The only event to have had a noticeable effect was the attempted coup in South Africa's gold-rich tribal homeland territory of Bophuthatswana, the analysts said.

Gold output recently has been shifting. While South Africa has exported slightly less of the metal, North America and Australia have increased their production.

On a bright note, there has been continued demand recently for gold in the Far East.

February exports for Japan were almost four times that of February 1987, to 41 metric tons, latest figures from the World Gold Council UK gold update showed.

## Reserves

"Since Black Monday (last October's stock market crash)," explained Geoffrey Loades, general manager of World Gold Council UK, "Japanese investors seeking long-term fund bases have steadily moved into gold."

In Taiwan, gold reserves rose by more than 11 per cent to 8.5 million ounces in January, as

part of a major gold-purchasing programme designed to reduce Taiwanese foreign-exchange holdings, the figures in update showed.

In gold update, Trevor Blench, a Geneva-based mining analyst, examined the performance of gold, by measuring currencies in terms of gold since the 1967 relaxation of government's efforts to fix the gold price and exchange rates.

"Perhaps the reason why gold is safe is that no government, no central bank has control over the supply of it, the way they do over the supply of their respective currencies," Blench said.

## Activity

In addition, I.J. Toshima, a manager at Tokyo's World Gold Council, cited the recent selling activity of gold in the West and purchase in the past as evidence of two distinct types of gold investor.

"It seems European and US investors have dealer mentality," he said, "but that Far Eastern investors have analyst mentality."

"In the world of gold," he said, "it often pays to listen to the oriental wisdom."

## World needs 'new monetary system'

WASHINGTON, May 10, (AP): Global economic upheavals such as last October's stock market collapse show that the world urgently needs a new monetary system, according to a study released yesterday.

The study, sponsored by the Institute for International Economics, concludes that the international agreements by which President Ronald Reagan's administration has tried to manage the dollar over the past three years have proven "agonisingly fragile."

The agreements did not go far enough because of political obstacles in the United States, Japan and West Germany, says the study by Yoichi Funabashi.

Funabashi, who has covered economics for 20 years, is the deputy editor of economic affairs for the Japanese newspaper the Asahi Shimbun.

## Study

He wrote the dollar study during a year in which he was a visiting fellow at the institute for international economics, a seven-year-old Washington think tank funded by grants from various foundations.

The study is titled "Managing the dollar: from the Plaza to the Louvre." It traces the effort

beginning in September 1985 to weaken the dollar as a way of lowering the huge US trade deficits.

The study said America's new status as a net debtor makes it imperative for the new administration to intensify efforts at international cooperation.

The study recommended building on the approach established by the Louvre agreement, by which each nation's currency is placed in a so-called target zone and any time the currency moves outside the agreed-upon zone, nations launch actions including intervention to bring it back into line.

## Position

The study said the United States' bargaining position would be strengthened if the administration made a greater effort to include Congress in the economic decision-making process. It said needed changes such as reducing the federal budget deficit can only be accomplished through congressional action.

The administration reached an agreement with Japan, West Germany, Britain and France in which they agreed to pledge to force the dollar lower through a process known as intervention.

## KD rates drop in short dates

SHORT-dated Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates fell today in quiet trading ahead of today's 100 million dinar three-month treasury bill issue.

Dealers said liquidity eased as banks swapped dollars for dinars on the exchange market, prompting the Central Bank to adjust its dinar exchange rate from 0.27390/400 to the dollar from the initial 0.27400/10, unchanged from Monday.

## Higher

Commercial banks offered the spot dinar at around 0.27400/10. Overnight was offered at one per cent with no bids after 8-1/2 per cent business on Monday.

Tomorrow-next was also quiet and dealers said banks appeared to have met needs for Wednesday's bill issue.

Spot-next was well bid at 6-1/2 per cent from 7-1/2 per cent business on Monday.

One-month was quoted at 6-7/8, 3/8 per cent, 1/4 point higher than Monday on the offer side, while three-month rose to 6-5/8, 1/4 per cent from Monday's 6-1/4, six per cent after deals at 6-1/4 and 6-3/8 per cent.

Six-month and one-year were quiet at 6-1/4, 5-3/4 per cent. Meanwhile Saudi interbank deposit rates eased back in active trade after tight liquidity before the coming Eid Al Fitr holiday sent them surging late on Monday.

Dealers said rates remained relatively strong as riyal payments made to workers before the holidays have drained liquidity from the banking system.

May 14 is the last day for clearing before the holiday, which comes at the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Clearing resumes on May 23, bankers said.

## Oil prices stable

LONDON, May 10, (Reuters): Crude oil prices firmed further on the international spot markets yesterday, but trading activity remained thin and cautious, traders said.

Prices for Dubai, the leading Midcat crude, gained around 5 cents per barrel for cargoes lifting in June, as Japanese traders came back in the market after a week away from their offices for the Golden Week holiday.

The gains were prompted by good crude oil demand from Japan, ahead of an increase in oil import taxes from August 1, and from South Korea, together with news that the Indian Oil Corporation — a regular buyer of crude oil for India — had purchased five cargoes of Dubai in its recent tender.

However, strength in other markets was more subdued, and trade was slow and hesitant.

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DANISH Prime Minister Poul Schlüter casts his vote in yesterday's general election. Schlüter called the snap election last month after his minority government suffered a defeat on a move to tighten a peace-time ban on nuclear-armed ships visiting Danish ports. (Reuters wirephoto)



JOAN QUIGLEY, an astrologer to Nancy Reagan, talks to reporters, on her way to a beauty salon on Monday, saying that she had done consulting work for Nancy Reagan on scheduling, but not on policy decisions for Ronald Reagan. (Reuters wirephoto)



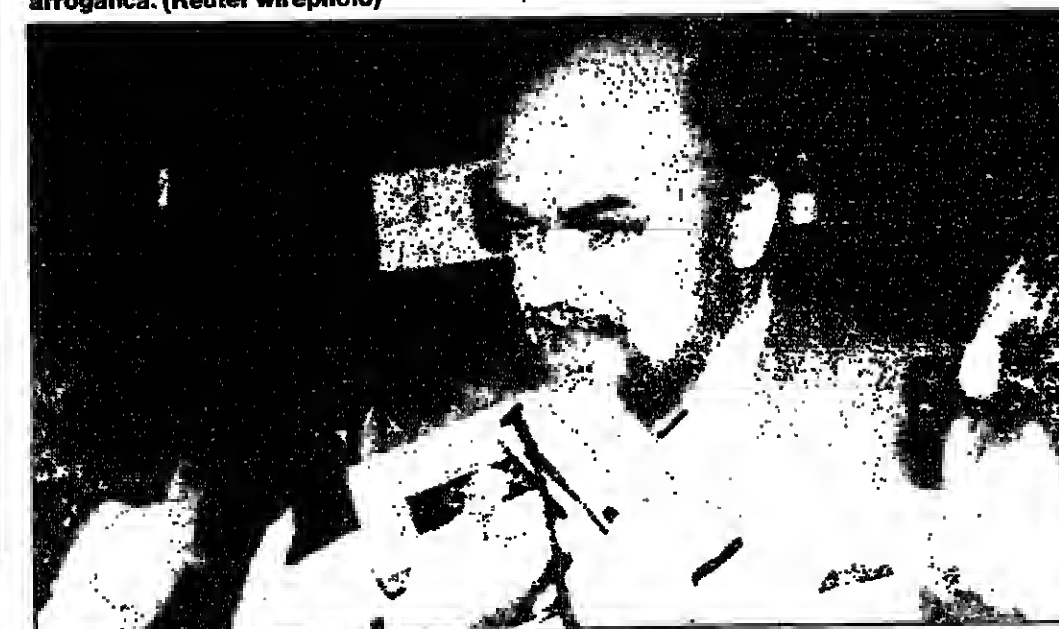
APRIL 6 file picture of French President François Mitterrand (left) and Michel Rocard during a meeting at the Socialist campaign headquarters in Paris. Political analysts said Michel Rocard was likely to be named prime minister-designate of France by re-elected President François Mitterrand yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)



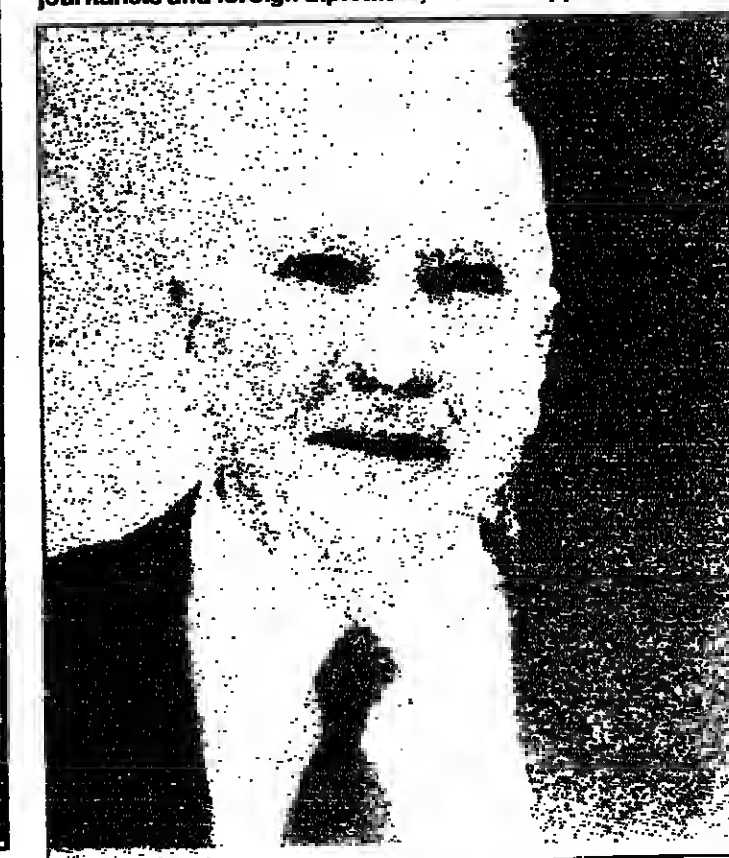
ITALIAN Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti (left), US actor Charlton Heston (centre) and Italian actress Sophia Loren at the 'Telegatto' awards in Milan, a private TV show awarding best actors, actresses and other public personalities the prize 'Telegatto'. (Reuters wirephoto)



SOLIDARITY leader Lech Wałęsa at Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk discusses tactics on the eighth day of the strike as talks were deadlocked and Wałęsa accused management of arrogance. (Reuters wirephoto)



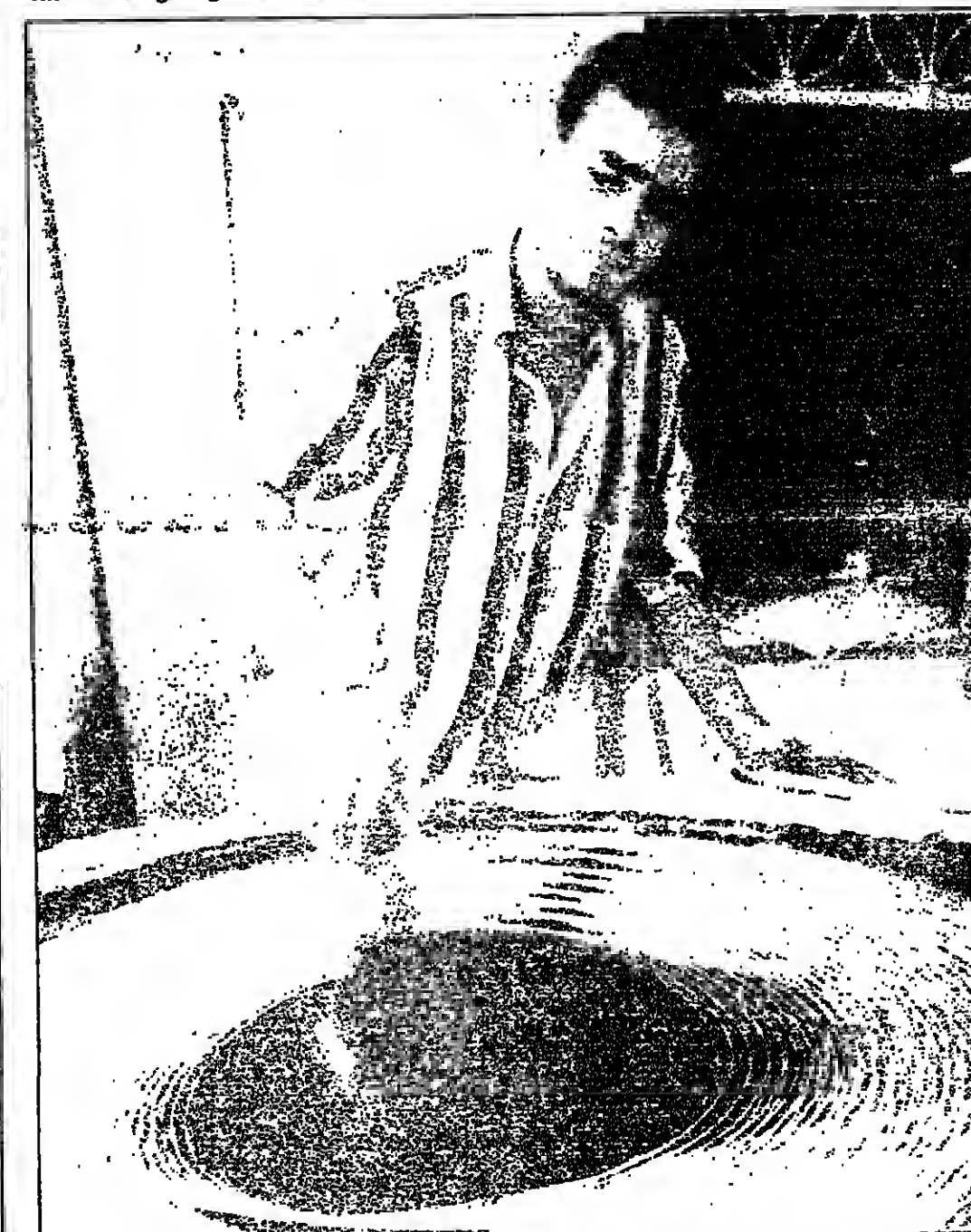
WEST GERMAN honorary consul in Medellín, Colombia, Helmut Luecker, speaks with reporters on Monday at Antioquia University after being released by his captors, the National Liberation Army (ELN), a terrorist guerrilla group. Luecker, along with other journalists and foreign diplomats, was kidnapped last week. (Reuters wirephoto)



SCIENCE FICTION author Robert A. Heinlein (undated file photo), who helped define the genre of science fiction and inspired the first generation of space travellers, died on Sunday, at the age of 80. (Reuters wirephoto)



POLICE investigators search through the rubble of the reception area of the Delhi branch of New York-based Citibank yesterday, after a bomb blast ripped through the bank killing one and injuring ten people. The blast is believed to be the work of Sikh extremists fighting for a separate homeland. (Reuters wirephoto)



A CAIREAN vendor of kounafa, an Arabic sweet, prepares the delicacy by showering his flour-based mixture on a hot brass plate to make thin spaghetti-like ribbons. Kounafa is a popular dessert during Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting. It is served with cream, sugar syrup or honey and nuts. (Reuters wirephoto)



CATHY HORVAT, 21, a marine mammal keeper at Sydney's Taronga Zoo, comforts a sick pygmy sperm whale in the seal pool at the zoo on Monday. The whale, which beached itself on the north coast last week, was brought to Sydney for treatment in an attempt to save its life. Volunteers stay in the pool to help the whale maintain its balance. (Reuters wirephoto)



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## Stage set for Filipino games

THE Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku) has scheduled its annual sports festival, the Filipino Mini-Olympics — also known as Batakan ng Buto '88, from May 17 at the Keifan stadium. On May 17, the opening ceremonies will start at 7.00 am.

The games in this festival include basketball, volleyball, lawn tennis, table tennis, darts, chess, dama, howling and marathons. All events except bowling and lawn tennis, will be held at Keifan gymnasium.

For the lawn tennis tournament, the games will be played at the Qadisi Club, Hawalli, while the bowling tournament will be held at the Silver Tower lanes.

Basketball, which is the most popular event for all Filipino sports fans, will have entries for both men & women who are coming from all sectors of Kuwait.

The teams to watch are the defending champions, Kuwait Pre-Fah. Building Company (KPBC), the rejuvenated dribblers from AG&P who bagged the championship trophy 1983, 1984 and 1985 events and the team from Mahuhay Restaurant, the "Flying Waiters".

From the women's basketball team, the Al Adan Hospital "Camels" are co-favorites with the Al Jahra Hospital "Falcons".

Entry and membership fee for all players is compulsory. All Filipinos must bring their KFK ID cards to avoid inconvenience. For further details, call Boog Melencio on Tel. 4877793.

## Drugs test

LONDON, May 10, (Reuters): Former world snooker champion, Cliff Thorburn, appeared before an independent tribunal yesterday for failing a drugs test during a tournament in England in February.

Thorburn, who reached the semifinals of this year's world championship last month before losing to eventual winner Steve Davis of England, will have to wait until tomorrow to learn the outcome of the hearing.

PARKER DEFIES NEW W. INDIAN PACE BATTERY

## Harper hits Sussex for unbeaten 217

HOVE, England, May 10, (Reuters): West Indies' new generation of fast bowlers gave a glimpse of their speed and hostility to which only Sussex captain Paul Parker had an answer with a resolute 89 yesterday.

Parker steered his county to 211 for six at the close of the second day of their three-day cricket match after West Indies had declared on 561 for nine, all-rounder Roger Harper finishing with an unbeaten 217.

Produced Ian Bishop, a 20-year-old Trinidad fast bowler on his first tour, produced a high-speed spell in which he fired out Allan Green and Rehan Ali Khan after their opening stand of 57, while Aotiguan paceman Wioston Beojamio sent back the Wells brothers, Alan and Colin, in rapid succession.

Curtley Ambrose, a 6ft 7ins fast bowler who also comes from Aotiguan, returned after an unsuccessful spell with the new ball and dismissed Neil Lenham cheaply.

Parker, who woo his only Test

cap in 1981 against Australia, defied the pace trio in an innings lasting 150 minutes during which he faced 127 balls and struck 13 fours. Ironically, he eventually fell to the gentle off-spin of Carl Hooper by edging a catch to Desmond Haynes at slip.

Sussex ended the day still needing a further 201 runs to avoid the follow on, after the touring team had extended their overnight 394 for seven by 167 in the morning session.

Harper, who resumed on 133, completed second double century of his career and batted in total for 396 minutes, faced 340 balls and struck 24 fours.

The Guyanese off-spinner shared a lively ninth-wicket stand of 122 with Ambrose, who lashed 59.

### Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings (overnight 394 for seven)  
G. Greenidge c Gould b Bunting .. 15  
D. Haynes c Gould b Bunting .. 36  
R. Richardson c Parker b Bunting .. 20  
C. Hooper c Parker b Bunting .. 7  
A. Logie lbw b Clarke .. 3  
V. Richards c A. Wells b Pringle .. 128

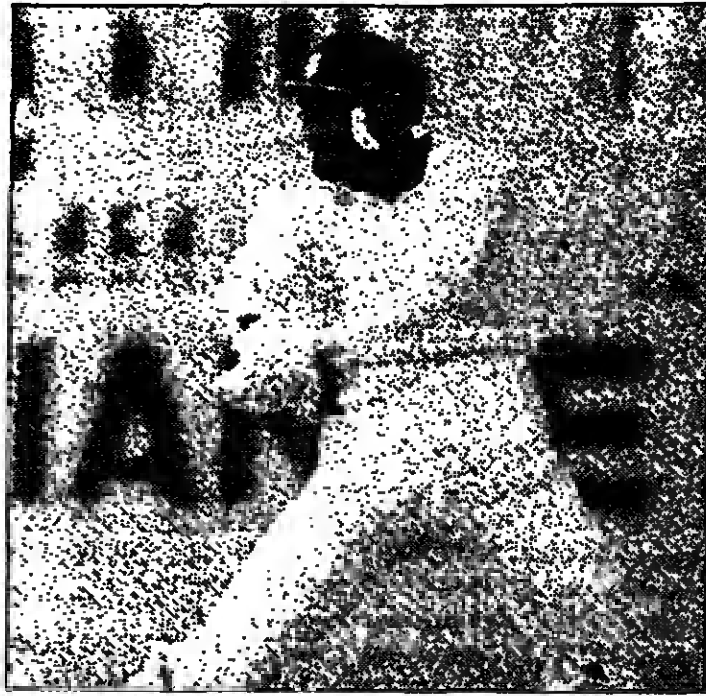
R. Harper not out .. 217  
W. Benjamin c Clarke b C. Wells .. 10  
D. Williams c Gould b Bunting .. 28  
C. Ambrose c Gould b Bunting .. 59  
I. Bishop not out .. 9  
Extras (lb-9 lb-4 w-7 nb-9) .. 29  
Total (four also wickets, declared) 561  
Fall of wickets: 1-22.2-54.3-75.4-80.5-94.6-321.7-349.8-411.9-534.

Bowling: Bunting 35-3-161-5, Pringle 23-2-98-1, Bunting 30-3-91-1, Clarke 30-2-118-1, C. Wells 22-5-57-1, Lenham 6-1-23-0.

SUSSEX first innings  
R. Ali Khan c Richardson b Bishop .. 29  
A. Green c Richardson b Bishop .. 32  
P. Parker c Haynes b Hooper .. 89  
A. Wells b Benjamin .. 17  
C. Wells c Williams b Benjamin .. 1  
N. Lenham c Benjamin b Ambrose .. 12  
L. Gould not out .. 8  
M. Pringle not out .. 8  
Extras (lb-6 lb-3 w-4 nb-3) .. 15  
Total (for six wickets) .. 211. Close  
Fall of wickets: 1-57.2-79.3-145.4-147.5-195.6-195.

To bat: A. Clarke, R. Bunting, A. Bunting.

Bowling to date: Ambrose 14-4-42-1, Benjamin 15-4-38-2, Harper 10-3-24-0, Bishop 9-1-44-2, Richards 8-1-22-0, Hooper 11-2-33-1.



Harper: hammered the Sussex bowlers

## Lillee takes six for 68 on county debut

LONDON, May 10, (Reuters): Dennis Lillee, with a change of boots and a reduced run-up, turned his English county cricket debut for Northamptonshire into a personal triumph by capturing a match-winning six for 68 yesterday.

The former Australian Test fast bowler showed undiminished hostility and skill at the age of 38 as Gloucestershire, needing 251 to win, were bowled out for 201 on the fourth and final day at Northampton.

Lillee spurred his adopted county to their 49-run victory with a decisive burst of four for 16 in seven overs after lunch. His total haul was achieved by bowling four batsmen and having two leg before.

Pleased Lillee, who made a comeback to first-class cricket in the 1987-88 Australian season with Tasmania after retiring four years ago, said: "I was pleased with the way I bowled today, but as I only managed one wicket in the first innings I thought it was going to

work out like that again.

"At lunch I changed my boots and, although I'm not superstitious really, it did seem to change my luck. I also bowled off a slightly shorter run which seemed to help my rhythm.

"I know I won't find pitches like this one every time — there was always something in it for me. But it was so cold today I had to bowl to a thermal vest. My chest infection was getting worse".

When Gloucestershire resumed at 103 for two, fast-medium bowler Alao Walker did the early damage with three of the four wickets to fall before lunch. Lillee snapped up the other, having taken one overnight, and demolished the rest of the innings after the interval.

Worcestershire sustained their impressive start to the season when they crushed Somerset by an innings and 214 runs early on the fourth day at Taunton, giving them three wins out of three in the championship.

Spinners Ian Folley and Jack Simmons bowled Lancashire to their first championship win of the season at the expense of title holders Nottinghamshire, who have now lost their first three games.

Uncapped medium-pace Doo Topley was Essex's hero with both ball and bat as they scraped a draw against Derbyshire at Chesterfield.

Topley, who took a career-best seven for 75 in the first innings and finished with match figures of 12 for 179, blocked 41 deliveries to the end of play and thwarted Derbyshire's victory bid.

Essex, needing 185 to win after a career best 159 not out by Derby opener Peter Bowler, collapsed against pacekeeper Devon Malcolm (3-33) and Alan Warner (3-19), leaving Topley and last man Ian Pont to play out time at 111 for nine.

Results At Taunton: Worcestershire beat Somerset by an innings and 214 runs. Worcestershire 628 for

seven declared in 189.5 overs. Somerset 222 in 70.5 overs and 192 (M. Crowe 53, P. Newport six for 50, N. Radford three for 39).

Worcestershire 23 points, Somerset four.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire beat Gloucestershire by 49 runs. Northamptonshire 206 in 83 overs and 216, Gloucestershire 172 in 71.2 overs and 201 (A. Wright 48, W. Athey 40, D. Lillee six for 68). Northamptonshire 22 points, Gloucestershire five.

At Trent Bridge: Lancashire beat Nottinghamshire by 51 runs. Lancashire 221 in 96.3 overs and 289 (D. Hughes 62), Nottinghamshire 223 in 87 overs and 236 (T. Robinson 115, I. Folley five for 89). Lancashire 22 points, Nottinghamshire six.

At Chesterfield: match drawn. Derbyshire 218 in 79.3 overs and 340 (P. Bowler 159 not out, D. Topley five for 104), Essex 374 in 123.4 overs and 111 for nine (A. Warner three for 19). Essex eight points, Derbyshire three.

## Melbourne bids for 1996 Olympics

MELBOURNE, May 10, (Reuters): Melbourne City Council today voted to make a formal bid for the 1996 Olympic Games which if successful could, according to the mayor, make over 200 million dollars profit (\$140 million).

Other Australian cities have until August 31 to reply to an Australian Olympic Federation invitation to apply to put on the world's greatest sporting event. Melbourne hosted the 1956 Olympics.

Estimated Lord Mayor Leckie Ord told journalists today that a feasibility study estimated the games would cost 1.6 billion dollars (\$1.1 billion) to stage. Revenue from media rights, tickets, sponsorship and franchising would raise about 1.85 billion (\$2.1 billion).

She quoted the study as saying media rights alone would raise 700 million (\$500 million).

## Aboriginal cricket tour to England recalls oasis of tolerance

SYDNEY, May 10, (Reuters): Aboriginal cricketers fly to England this week to celebrate one of the few oases of tolerance in 19th century dealings between whites and Australia's only indigenous people.

In 1868, a team of 14 Aborigines staged the first overseas tour by a group of Australian sportsmen.

The cricket team including Mosquito, Bullocky and Dick-a-Dick played 47 matches in England, winning 14, losing 14 and drawing 19 on a tour which attracted great interest.

Post-match exhibitions incorporating boomerang throwing, running backwards for 100 yards and dodging the cricket ball also proved very popular.

Crushed However, hopes their success would change attitudes in Australia towards blacks were quickly crushed.

Alcohol, deprivation and violence by white settlers continued to take their toll of Aborigines and most of the 1868 team suffered obscurity and premature death.

Racism continued for nearly a century to affect cricket as much as mainstream Australian life.

Only six Aborigines, who currently make up around 1.5 per cent of Australia's 16 million population, have played first class cricket and a black is yet to represent Australia.

An Anglican bishop is credited with introducing Aborigines to cricket in the 1850s, to prevent depression among tribes moved from their traditional lands.

The Edenhope area of Western Victoria saw a groundbreaking game between settlers and Aborigines in 1865, a success which laid the foundations for the 1868 tour.

An Aboriginal tour of Sydney in 1867 was a financial disaster resulting in the deaths of four players. The 1868 tourists, all from Edenhope, had to be smuggled on board ship to avoid officials worried of a repeat of the Sydney fiasco.

The tour suffered an early setback when King Cole died of tuberculosis in a London hospital. But on the field they were feted after their first match at the

Oval in south London.

The newspaper Reynolds' News called it "a new epoch in the history of cricket" but the Times was less impressed. It pronounced the Aborigines play a "travesty upon cricket".

None of the matches were awarded first class status and the great W.G. Grace declined to face the Aborigines. But players such as Mullah, Cuzens and Twopenny proved they could bear comparison with the best English players.

Mullah was the undoubtedly star of the tour, being topscorer with 1,698 runs at 23.65 and taking 245 wickets at 10.0. He also invented a shot made famous by Tony Greig in the 1970s, playing an almost flat bat to a fast rising delivery and sending it fizzing over slips to the boundary.

The Aborigines could also be viewed as the forerunners of Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket circus. They wore white flannels, red shirts, diagonal blue sashes and variously coloured caps with an emblem of a silver boomerang and bat.

After many games they donned a costume of possum skin and lyre bird feathers to engage in mock battles or throwing a weapon called a kangaroo rat.

Dick-a-Dick was the star of these exhibitions. Armed only with a small shield and a club, he would challenge three men to throw cricket balls at him simultaneously from 15 metres.

He was only hit twice on the whole tour and public astonishment at his dexterity resulted in the club he used being preserved in the Lord's Cricket Museum in London.

Rarely

On their return to Australia the team dissolved and Aboriginal cricket rarely re-entered the public consciousness.

Perhaps the most famous Aboriginal cricketer was Eddie Gilbert, said by Sir Don Bradman to be "faster than anything seen from (Harold) Larwood or anyone else".

Gilbert, running in off four to five paces, bowled Bradman for a duck in December 1931 after a five-ball spell which almost demoralised the Don, as he admitted later.

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The 61.1 Nautical mile race will start from the beach opposite the Messilah Beach Hotel.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Boats must be at least 18 ft in length.
- Engines must be outboard. If a single engine boat is used, an additional 10hp engine is advised. A maximum of two engines are allowed.
- Crew must have a minimum of two persons. All must be at least 18 years of age.
- Date: June 3, 1988.
- The boat must be registered with the port authority of Kuwait, or if the boat is from outside Kuwait, with the authority for its port of origin.

### Safety Requirements

- All participants must have the following equipment:
  - A helmet and protective glasses.
  - Lifejackets (inflatable life jackets not permitted).
  - A marine compass (advanced electronic navigation equipment is prohibited).
  - Anchor suitable for the size of the boat and a 25 metre (minimum) rope.
  - At least three red safety flares and a fire extinguisher.
  - Boats must be adequately supplied with fuel sufficient to cover the race distance.
  - Any battery or fuel tank leakages must be well-checked and repaired before the race.
  - Each boat should carry either a telephone or a 2 way radio system.

Failure to comply with the above regulations and safety requirements will result in disqualification. Scrutineering will be held prior to the race, and competitors must display their safety equipment on the deck of the boat.

Bulletins detailing further requirements/information will be issued from time to time.

- Participation is open to all Gulf Citizens and residents who have lived in the Gulf for a minimum of six months.
- Last date for accepting entries is May 30, 1988.

Entry fee per person KD 15.000

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## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Football team

HH the Amir yesterday received here managing directors and board members of Kuwait Deaf and Dumb Society and the players of the society's football team on the occasion of their winning the first place in the Asian and Pacific Football Championship which took place in Australia recently.

## ACL tourney

THE Amr Cricket League is scheduled to hold a summer League tournament from the 2nd day of Eid. Interested teams can contact Dilip on Thursday at 8.30 pm in Al Meena Restaurant, beside Al Majidi Book Shop, Murgah.

## Midfield player

DUBLIN, May 10. (Reuters): Mark Kelly, Portsmouth's 18-year-old midfielder player, has been given another chance to win a place in Ireland's European Championship squad.

## Chris Evert

BOCA RATON, Florida, May 10. (Reuters): Chris Evert is undergoing therapy on her sore heel and is still entered in the French Open championships this month, a spokeswoman for the Women's International Tennis Association (WITA) said yesterday.

## Chelsea manager

LONDON, May 10. (Reuters): Chelsea, fighting for English First Division survival, have given Bobby Campbell a huge vote of confidence by appointing him as manager for an initial two-year period.

## Friendly match

BUDAPEST, May 10. (Reuters): Denmark have been robbed of the chance of using a friendly soccer international against Hungary this evening to pick a team for the European Championship finals because several players are unavailable.

## Knee operation

NANTES, France, May 10. (Reuters): Jorge Burruchaga, scorer of the goal which won the World Cup for Argentina two years ago, will have a knee operation next week which could sideline him for several months, his club Nantes said today.

## World rankings

LONDON, May 10. (Reuters): West German Bernhard Langer's victory on Sunday in the European Matchplay Golf Championship boosted him up one place to third in the world rankings issued yesterday.

## Galaxy wins

BANGKOK, May 10. (UPI): Challenger Khaokor Galaxy yesterday wrested the World Boxing Association hantam-weight title from Wilfredo Vasquez of Puerto Rico with a hard-fought, and hotly-disputed split decision.

## Plane crashes

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 10. (UPI): A single-engine sports plane crashed yesterday while preparing to land at a private airfield, killing two passengers and injuring four, police said.

## Everest climber

KATHMANDU, May 10. (UPI): A Nepalese Sherpa reached the top of Mt Everest today, making the ascent to the summit for a record fifth time, the Nepal Mountaineering Association said.

## Bulgarian defector

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, May 10. (Reuters): Weightlifter Naim Suleymanoglu, who defected from Bulgaria in 1986, must be given clearance by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) before he can compete for Turkey in the Seoul Olympics.

## Rugby match

SYDNEY, Australia, May 10. (AP): New Zealand breakaway forward Alan Whetton today withdrew from a rest of the World XV in play Australia in the bicentennial Rugby Union international at Concord Oval on Sunday.

## French club

MARSEILLE, France, May 10. (Reuters): French club Marseille said today they had signed national striker Eric Cantona after a tug-of-war between three of the country's top clubs. The Auxerre centre-forward, who at 21 is already a fixture in the national team, was also sought by Monaco and Maitre Racing Paris and had attracted the interest of some Italian clubs.

## Polish striker

AMSTERDAM, May 10. (Reuters): Polish striker Wlodimir Smolarek has left Eintracht Frankfurt and signed a three-year contract with Feyenoord Rotterdam, officials of the Dutch First Division soccer club said yesterday.

## CARLSSON WINS IN ITALIAN OPEN

## Wilander tames Cancellotti



Wilander: needed to change his attitude

ROME, May 10. (Reuters): Sweden's Mats Wilander overcame an erratic backhand and cleared the first hurdle in his defence of the Italian Open tennis title yesterday when he dismissed Italy's Francesco Cancellotti 7-6-1.

The world number two and second seed made a series of errors in the 86-minute first set on the slow, red clay of Rome's Foro Italico and said he needed to change his attitude before he could play well.

"My backhand was off and that upset my whole game," Wilander said. "I'm not in bad shape physically but I need to change my way of thinking," he added.

## Bout

Wilander has not played a match since crashing out of last month's Monte Carlo tournament against unseeded Italian Claudio Pistolesi after a bout of flu.

Cancellotti, ranked 123rd, was able to score winners with a strong forehand and often dominated the rallies, spurred by the noisy support of the partisan centre court crowd.

But the Italian lost heart after losing three set points during the tie break, eventually going down 11-9. Wilander, seeded second,

kept his northern cool and finished the second set in just 29 minutes.

Wilander conceded that the first match of a tournament was often the most difficult, but said the way he was playing at the moment he would not win the event.

"I hope that by Friday or Saturday I will be playing well enough," he added.

Wilander's compatriot, fifth seed Kent Carlsson, made a solid start to the tournament, beating Paul Vojisek of West Germany 6-4 6-0, but eighth seed Martin Jaitte of Argentina suffered his third successive first round defeat when he went out 6-2 6-1 to Austria's Thomas Muster.

Jaitte, beaten finalist at Monte Carlo, slumped at Hamburg and New York before yesterday's defeat.

"I'm worried because I'm not playing well and I need the points," said Jaitte, who lost to Wilander in the final here last year.

"I'm just going to have to keep on playing and training and see if I can find my form," he added. Top seed Ivan Lendl, the Monte Carlo winner, and third seed Boris Becker were due to play their first round matches today.

## Red Sox edge past Royals

NEW YORK, May 10. (AP): Roger Clemens pitched a three-hitter, striking out 16 and retiring 24 in a row until the ninth inning, as the Boston Red Sox beat Mark Gubicza and the Kansas City Royals 2-0 last night.

"I knew it was going to be a tight game and that usually brings out the best in me," Clemens said.

## Athletics 3, Tigers 1

Jose Canseco hit his League-leading ninth home run, and Bob Welch allowed four hits in eight innings as the Oakland Athletics beat the Detroit Tigers 3-1 to extend their winning streak to 14 games, the longest in the Major Leagues in 11 years.

The A's, now 12-0 against American League East teams, have the longest winning streak

since the Kansas City Royals won 16 straight in 1977.

## White Sox 3, Orioles 0

Jerry Reuss earned his 200th Major League victory, and Dan Pasqua drove in all three Chicago runs, leading the White Sox to a 3-0 triumph at the Baltimore Orioles.

Reuss, 2-1, limited Baltimore to four hits in 7 1/3 innings, matching his longest outing of the season. Bobby Thigpen pitched 12 2/3 hitless innings, striking out three, for his sixth save.

## Brewers 9, Twins 6

Rohr Deer's three-run homer off Minnesota bullpen ace Jeff Reardon capped a five-run eighth inning that carried the Milwaukee Brewers to their 10th straight victory, 9-6 over the Minnesota Twins.

Twins reliever Juan Berenguer, who had blown a 4-1 seventh-inning lead, walked Paul Molitor and gave up Robin Yount's single to start the eighth.

## Angels 2, Indians 1

Dan Pety allowed eight hits in 7 2/3 innings as the California Angels beat Cleveland 2-1 to send the Indians to their sixth straight defeat.

## Results

National League		
Cincinnati	Philadelphia	0
San Francisco	Pittsburgh	8
Atlanta	Montreal	8
Houston	New York	2
San Diego	St. Louis	1
Los Angeles Dodgers	at Chicago Cubs	—
American League		
Chicago	Baltimore	0
Milwaukee	Minnesota	6
Boston	Kansas City	0
California	Cleveland	1
Oakland	Detroit	1

## Strachan back in Scotland side

LONDON, May 10. (Reuters): Manchester United midfielder Gordon Strachan, exiled from the international scene for the past eight months, has been recalled to the Scotland squad for the Rous Cup triangular tournament later this month.

Strachan was included by Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh yesterday for the last two matches of the season against Colombia at Hampden Park on May 17 and England at Wembley four days later.

Strachan has not been selected since winning his 41st cap against Hungary last September. His inclusion is the only change from the squad which returned from Madrid last month with a goalless draw against Spain.

Squad: Leighton, Goram, Gunn, Smith, Gillespie, Gough, McLeish, Malpas, Miller, Narey, Nicol, Aitken, D. Ferguson, McNally, MacLeod, McStay, Simpson, Strachan, Johnston, McClair, McCoist, Sharp.

## Dorigo gets England call

LONDON, May 10. (Reuters): Chelsea full-back Tony Dorigo was named in the England senior soccer squad for the first time today despite his club's involvement in the English First Division playoffs.

He has been chosen for the two Rous Cup matches against Scotland and Colombia on May 21 and 24 respectively and the game against Switzerland on May 28.

## Battle

The England under-21 captain was drafted in as an understudy for Arsenal's Kenny Sansom, following the injury in Hungary last month to Nottingham Forest's Stuart Pearce.

But Chelsea's battle for First Division survival could wreck Dorigo's chances of staking his claim for a place in the England party for the European Championships in West Germany next month.

If the London club battle

through to the two-leg final of the playoffs, he would have to miss the three May internationals.

Middlesbrough defender Gary Pallister, who won his first full cap against Hungary last month, is in the same boat. He, too, will have to pull out unless his club lose in the playoff semifinals.

Squad: Shilton (Derby), Woods (Glasgow Rangers), Seaman (Queen's Park Rangers), Stevens (Everton), Anderson (Arsenal), Dorigo (Chelsea), Wright (Derby), Watson (Everton), Adams (Arsenal), Pallister (Middlesbrough), Rohson (Manchester United), Webb (Nottingham Forest), Reid (Everton), Steven (Everton), Hoddle (Monaco), McMahon, Beardsley, Barnes (all Liverpool), Hateley (Monaco), Linaker (Barcelona), Cottee (West Ham), Waddle (Tottenham), Harford (Luton).

## Sheikh Fahd receives IOC invitation

THE chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad has received an invitation from the chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to attend an extraordinary meeting of the IOC which is scheduled to be held in the Swiss city of Lausanne on June 21.

Officials at the OCA said on Monday that the IOC meeting would discuss the dispute between the International Amateur Athletics Federation and the British Amateur Athletics Board. The dispute was started when British runner Zola Budd participated in an athletic meet in South Africa earlier this year.

The IOC chairman has also sent similar invitations to a number of Olympic officials, the officials added.

## Failed

Meanwhile a Kuwait sports official on Monday said that the British board should not be banned from the international federation even if it failed to penalise Budd.

Issa Abdalla Al Dashedi, who is a member of the international federation, also opposed the idea of shifting the headquarters of the federation from Britain in case the latter refuses to comply with the international federation's call for action against Budd.

According to Al Dashedi there are several measures, other than expulsion, that can be taken against any national federation which breaks international rules. Dashedi fears that some African countries might take the dispute between the British and the international federation as an excuse to boycott the Seoul Olympics this summer.



Tyson: undisputed world heavyweight champion

## Spinks sees Tyson fight as 'death match'

KIAMESHA LAKE, New York, May 10. (Reuters): Michael Spinks, already intensively training for his heavyweight title fight at the end of next month against undisputed champion Mike Tyson, said yesterday that he sees it as a "death match."

Spinks, who worked mostly on in-fighting in the four rounds he spared yesterday at his Catskill Mountain training camp, about 90 miles north of New York City, said: "I'm going to act like I'm in a fight for my life, I'm going to act like it's a death match."

## Opportunity

Spinks, 31, who will earn about \$13.5-million, will attempt to take the 21-year-old Tyson's title on June 22 in Atlantic City, said the fight is a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

But the odds on Spinks could improve if the fight is finally scheduled for 15 rounds.

Butch Lewis, Spinks' manager, said yesterday that the contract for the fight — yet to be formally signed — calls for either 12 or 15 rounds.

International Boxing Federation (IBF) president Robert Lee, said his group will sanction the fight and will probably decide on the number of rounds at its convention in Miami Beach at the end of the month, Lewis said.

"We'd prefer 15," Lewis said. "We've been there, Tyson, when he goes 12, seems to be very

grateful when he doesn't have to go 15."

Eddie Futch, Spinks' 77-year-old trainer, who has worked with Larry Holmes, Joe Frazier and Ken Norton in 55 years in boxing, agreed.

"After seven rounds, Tyson seems to go downhill," Futch said. "He throws fewer punches and his punch selection is different. Tyson looks great when he's on target, but what happens when he doesn't have a target and doesn't hit anyone?" said Futch, referring to Spinks's speed and craftiness in the ring. "Then you'll see the mistakes of a young fighter."

One of the big question marks about Spinks is his strength when matched against the enormously powerful Tyson.

Spinks put on 25 pounds to move up from the light-heavyweight division to beat Larry Holmes for the IBF heavyweight crown in 1985. He was the first light-heavyweight to do that.

But often a fighter will be slower and not as strong when he moves up in weight to face the big boys.

"I think he hits harder as a heavyweight," Futch said. "both are pretty good punchers and could end within the distance."

Dr Love, a pugilist, but strong sparring partner who went toe-to-toe with Spinks for two rounds yesterday, said Spinks was just as fast as he was as a light-heavyweight, and just as strong. He said Spinks would "stop Tyson in seven rounds."

## Silva set to be Brazil's national coach again

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 10. (Reuters): Carlos Alberto Silva, whose contract expired in December and was not renewed, looks set to become Brazil's national soccer coach again.

Brazilian Football Association (CBF) president Octavio Pinto Guimarães said yesterday that Silva was the best bet to be chosen for the current season, and a final decision on the new coach was likely later this week.

## Scheduled

"We must name our coach, because Brazil will have to take part in major competitions this year," Guimarães said.

Brazil has a scheduled tour to Australia and New Zealand in July, where they are to face Argentina in an international tournament.

Guimarães said that whoever was chosen would also be responsible for Brazil's team at the

Olympic games in Seoul in September.

Silva, who guided Brazil to the soccer gold medal at the Pan American Games in Indianapolis last year, almost lost his job when Brazil were eliminated by Chile in the America Cup, played in Argentina.

When his contract expired in December, Guimarães failed to renew it immediately, saying the association could not afford to keep him on its payroll throughout the year.

Silva waited until March and then decided to sign with Cruzeiro of Belo Horizonte.

Other candidates for the job are Joao Pinheiro, of Rio's Botafogo, and Rubens Minelli, who is unemployed, a spokesman for the association said.

## Bridge

THE Hilton Bridge Club conducted its first marathon on Thursday, which lasted until 4.30pm and was directed by Nafid Alad. Results of the tournament were as follows:

1. Adly Tiab & Magdi Mesdary
2. Sulbir Dhana & Peter Fernandez
3. Marcel Zamaniri & Dr S. Reddy
4. Ahmad Hanoudi & Medhat Hossni
5. Mamdouh Sabri & Ahmad Tawil and Carsten & Salama Ali.

The tin will be lowered from 45 to 40 centimetres and a player will be only allowed one attempt at a service.

## Supplement on powerboat racing

Arab Times and Seyassah newspapers are sponsoring an Offshore Powerboat Race, to be held in Kuwait on June 3 1988. They are preparing a special programme supplement, which will feature editorial about powerboat racing, as well as photographs of past races. It will also contain the regulations for the event. Every competitor, both from within and from outside Kuwait will receive a copy. The supplement will be produced in English and Arabic, and the copies will be distributed free at the participating hotels and to competitors. Those interested in advertising in the publication should contact Liza 2418738 or 2418730.



Zola (right) receives flowers from a young girl at a race in S. Africa on New Year's eve.

and also won the European Cup 3,000 metres in Moscow in 1986. She broke the world 5,000 metres record at Crystal Palace in London later the same year. She was always a target of anti-apartheid groups. Bryant said she became dispirited when New Zealand turned her down from the World Cross-country Championships in March for fear that her participation might prompt

an African boycott of the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland.

Britain insisted she take part but Budd withdrew from the race.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) ruled last month that Budd, granted British citizenship in 1984 in time to run in the Los Angeles Olympics, violated its rules by taking part in events in South Africa last year.

Budd has denied the allegations and said she was just a spectator.

The federation ordered the British Amateur Athletic Board to ban her from 12 months but no announcement from the board is expected until May 21 following an investigation by a three-member committee of inquiry.

## Podium

Photographs from a South African newspaper archive which came to light last week show Budd apparently receiving a bouquet of flowers from a girl on the podium at a race in the South African town of Randfontein on New Year's eve.

IAAF vice-president Lamine Diack told Reuters in Dakar last week that Budd should not run at the Seoul Games because photographs and press clippings proved she had never severed her links with South Africa.